THE STRANGE ADVENTURES OF
TOASTER GUY
THE COMPLETE FIRST SERIES
...EHH, THEY AIN'T EXACTLY BEATIN' A PATH TO OUR DOOR, T.G.-!
SIGH...
TOASTER GUY
and the "MARVELOUS"
MASTER NINJA-
~now accepting~
VISA
MASTERCARD
Diner's Klub
FOODSTAMPS AND WIC!!!

YOU EVER NOTICE HOW LIFE IS?
HOW IT **BEATS** YOU AND **SLAPS** YOU, OVER AND OVER, LIKE YOU'RE SOME ***OVERZEALOUS LAP DOG?***
...THAT'S ME, ***TOASTER GUY...*** NO, I'M NOT **POWDERED TOAST MAN** OR THE **BRAVE LITTLE TOASTER** ON **STEROIDS...** I WAS THE VICTIM OF A **FREAK ACCIDENT** WHEN I WAS A KID. IT INVOLVED LIGHTNING AND, WELL, A **TOASTER...** IT'S A LONG STORY.
BY THE TIME DOCTORS GOT TO ME, THEY SAID IT WAS JUST SAFER TO LEAVE THE TOASTER WHERE IT WAS... Y'KNOW, LIKE THOSE WOMEN IN AFRICA? WITH THE **RINGS** AROUND THEIR NECK? WHERE IF THEY TAKE 'EM OFF, THEIR NECK WILL JUST SNAP **CLEAN IN TWO...**
ANYWAY, I GREW UP AND TOOK OFF FOR THE **BIG APPLE.** I SPENT A FEW YEARS, STRUMMIN' AND PICKIN, AND WHA'D IT GET ME? RHYTHM GUITARIST FOR A **RANDY AND THE RAINBOWS COVER BAND.** BIG TIME, RIGHT?
SO I BOUNCED AROUND AWHILE, FROM ONE CRAP GIG TO ANOTHER, TRYIN' TO DO SOMETHIN' **PRODUCTIVE** WITH MYSELF, MAYBE MAKE AN **IMPRESSION** IN THE WORLD...
...BUT THERE COMES A TIME WHEN LIFE'S **SLAP** STINGS YOU **ONE TIME TOO MANY,** AND YOU TURN TAIL AND **SKULK BACK HOME.**
SO, BACK HOME, I SKULK, IN A BROKEN-DOWN OLD VAN FULL OF **RUST** AND **BROKEN DREAMS.** MAINLY BROKEN DREAMS.
...WELL, MAINLY RUST.
ROY BLACK AND
ERNIE BALL
RODNEY & the SPECTRUMS
a Randy and the Rainbows cover experience
LED ZEPPELIN T-SHIRTS
ORDS
Mark Twain
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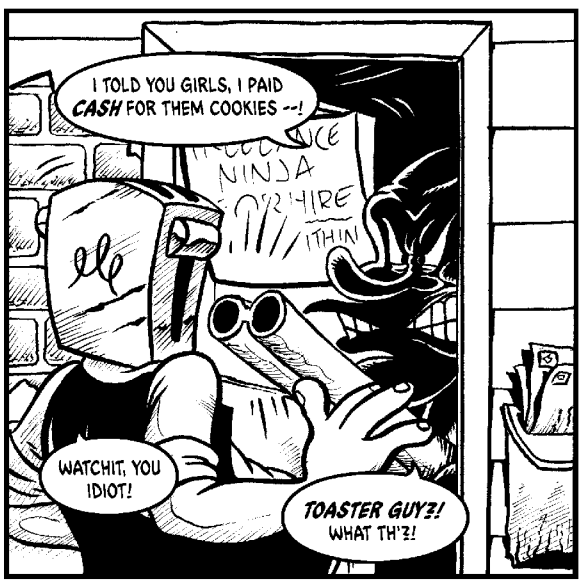
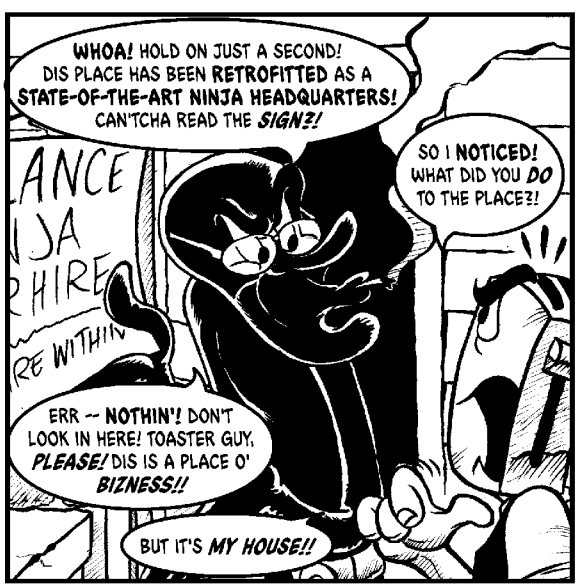
INQUIRE WITHIN
HOME AGAIN, HOME AG- DADGUMMIT - THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR RENTING MY HOUSE OUT TO A NINJA...

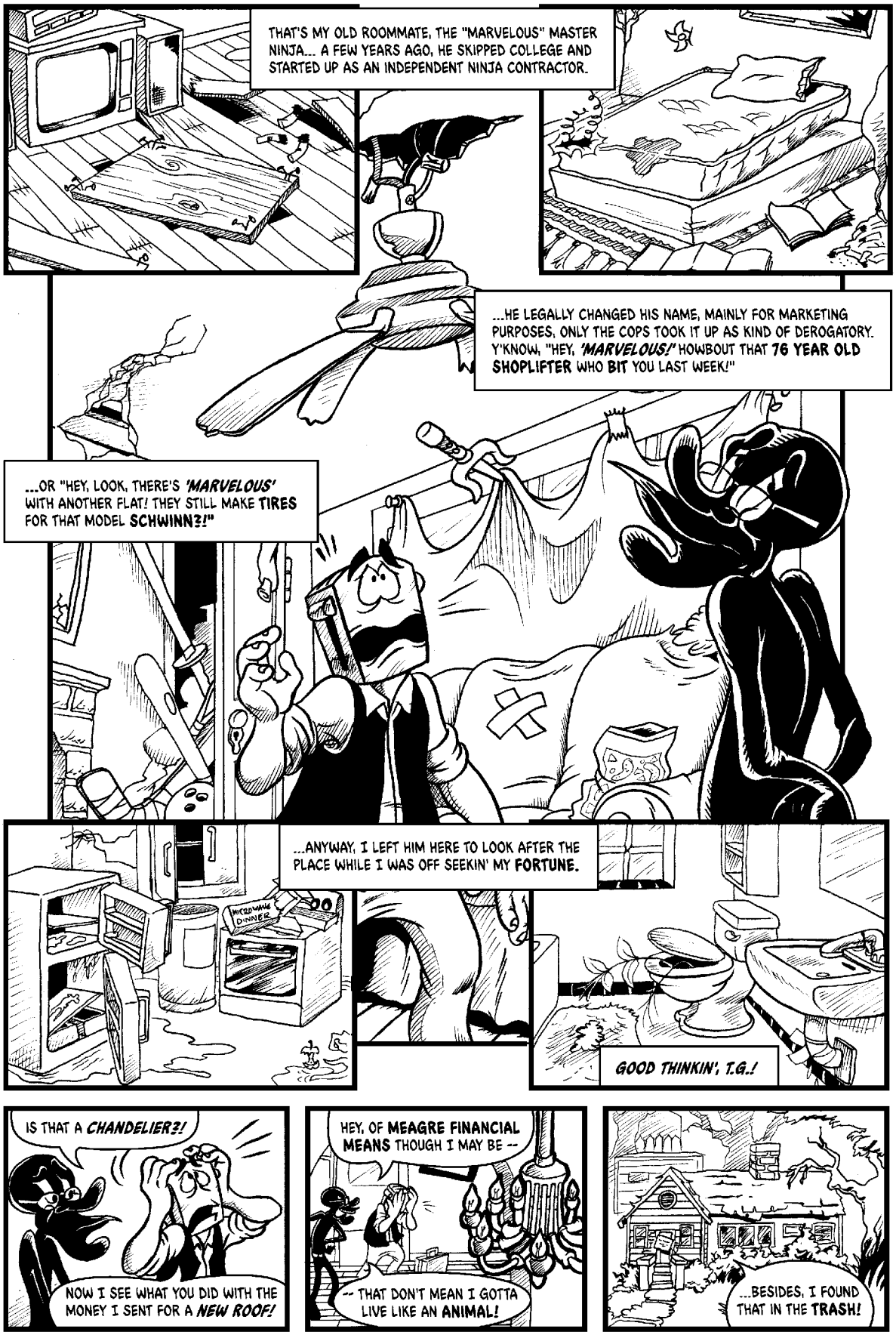
HEY, CUMON! OPEN UP!
FREELANCE NINJA FOR HIRE
INQUIRE WITHIN
"FREELANCE NINJA?" OH, CRAP...


I TOLD YOU GIRLS, I PAID CASH FOR THEM COOKIES --!
WATCHIT, YOU IDIOT!
TOASTER GUY?! WHAT TH'?!

HEY! TOASTER GUY! ER... WHAT BRINGS YOU 'ROUND?
WELL, YOUR PHONE WAS CUT OFF, SO I COULDN'T CALL -- WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HOUSE?! YOU TOLD ME NINJAS MADE GREAT HOUSESITTERS!


WHOA! HOLD ON JUST A SECOND! DIS PLACE HAS BEEN RETROFITTED AS A STATE-OF-THE-ART NINJA HEADQUARTERS! CAN'TCHA READ THE SIGN?!
SO I NOTICED! WHAT DID YOU DO TO THE PLACE?!
ERR -- NOTHIN'! DON'T LOOK IN HERE! TOASTER GUY, PLEASE! DIS IS A PLACE O' BIZNESS!!
BUT IT'S MY HOUSE!!

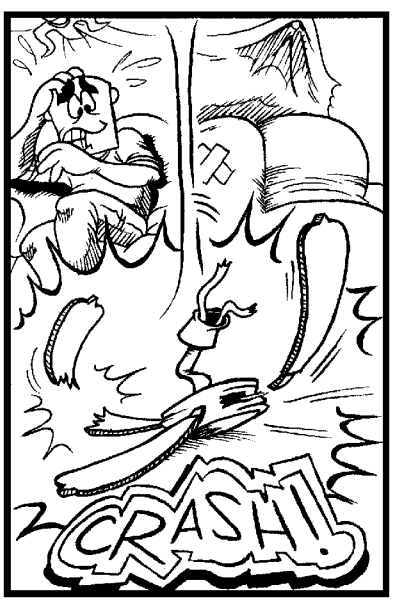
...AWRIGHT, CUMON IN. BUT DON'T TOUCH MY NINJA STUFF!
AND "NINJA STUFF" INCLUDES POTATO CHIPS AND THE REMOTE!


THAT'S MY OLD ROOMMATE, THE "MARVELOUS" MASTER NINJA... A FEW YEARS AGO, HE SKIPPED COLLEGE AND STARTED UP AS AN INDEPENDENT NINJA CONTRACTOR.
...HE LEGALLY CHANGED HIS NAME, MAINLY FOR MARKETING PURPOSES, ONLY THE COPS TOOK IT UP AS KIND OF DEROGATORY. Y'KNOW, "HEY, *'MARVELOUS!'* HOWBOUT THAT **76 YEAR OLD SHOPLIFTER** WHO **BIT** YOU LAST WEEK!"
...OR "HEY, LOOK, THERE'S *'MARVELOUS'* WITH ANOTHER FLAT! THEY STILL MAKE **TIRES** FOR THAT MODEL **SCHWINN?!**"
...ANYWAY, I LEFT HIM HERE TO LOOK AFTER THE PLACE WHILE I WAS OFF SEEKIN' MY **FORTUNE.**
MICROWAVE DINNER
GOOD THINKIN', T.G.!
IS THAT A *CHANDELIER?!*
NOW I SEE WHAT YOU DID WITH THE MONEY I SENT FOR A *NEW ROOF!*
HEY, OF **MEAGRE FINANCIAL MEANS** THOUGH I MAY BE --
-- THAT DON'T MEAN I GOTTA LIVE LIKE AN **ANIMAL!**
...BESIDES, I FOUND THAT IN THE **TRASH!**

YAWN! WHAT TIME IS IT?!
IT'S TWO-THIRTY, YOU BUM! SUCH IS THE LIFE OF A NINJA, HUH?
AW, GIMME A BREAK! I HAD A ROUGH NIGHT! ...QUIT YELLIN'! AND HOW 'BOUT TURNIN' DOWN THAT TEEVEE?
BUT IT'S ON MUTE!
MAP THIEF

LISTEN, I'M NOT GONNA STAND HERE WHILE YOU CALL ME A MUTANT - JUST TURN IT DOWN, WILLYA?
HEY, AT LEAST IT WORKS NOW! I WENT DOWN AND GAVE THE POWER COMPANY THREE HUNDRED BUCKS THIS MORNIN'! I HADDA PAWN A COUPLE GUITARS!

GIMME A BREAK - SO I CAN'T AFFORD TA' PAY THE LIGHT BILL!
IT AIN'T EASY FINDIN' A PART TIME JOB THAT WORKS WIT' MY SCHEDULE. SUCH ARE THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THE PRACTICIONER O' THE MARTIAL ARTS!
...THE MARTIAL ARTS OF LAZINESS AND FISCAL IRRESPONSIBILITY! I TRUSTED YOU WITH MY HOME! THE LEAST YOU COULDA' DONE IS NOT LET THE PLACE FALL APART!
OH, QUIT EXAGGERATIN'! THE HOUSE AIN'T FALLIN' APART!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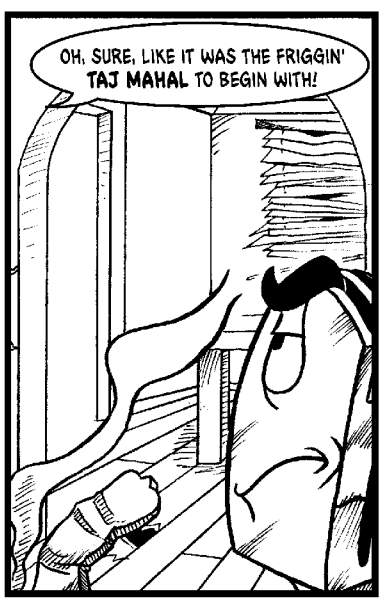
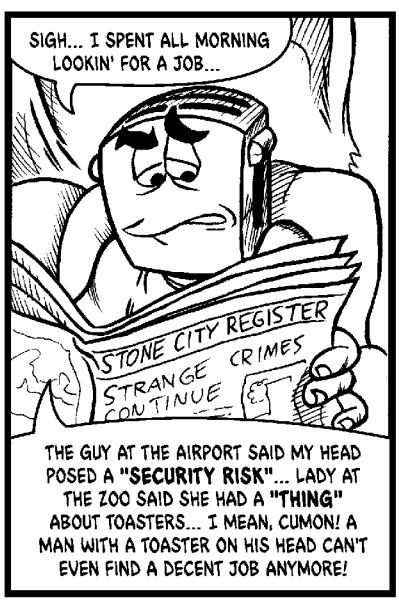
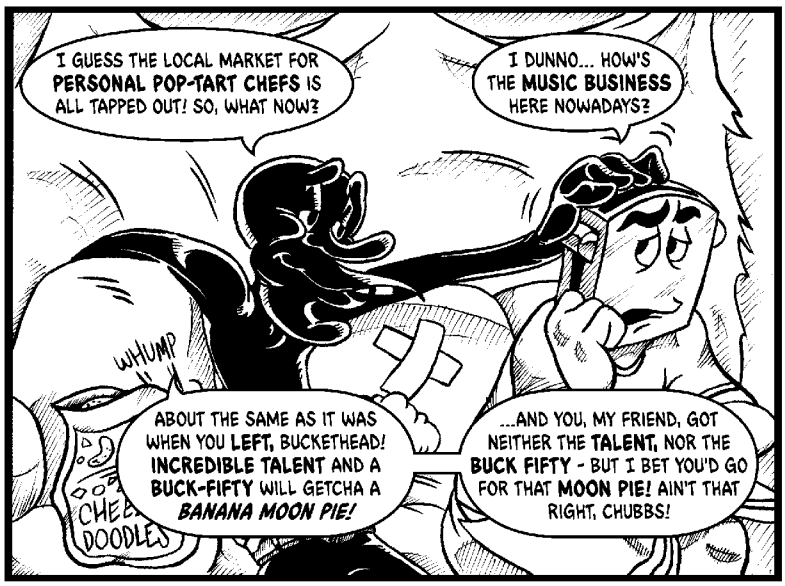
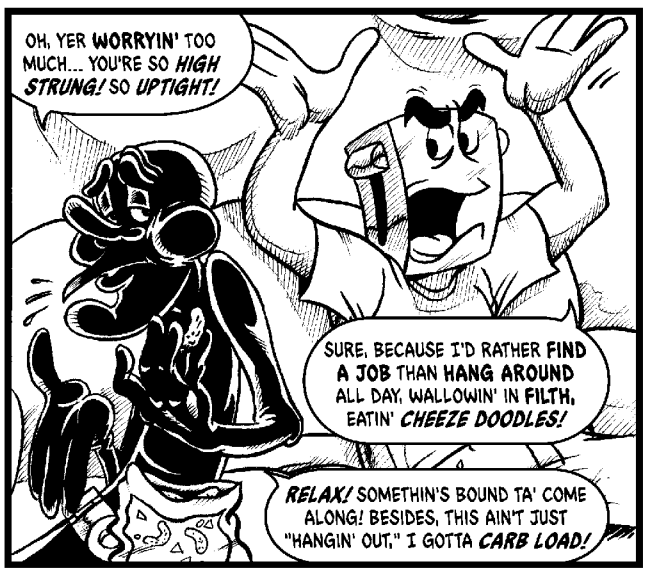
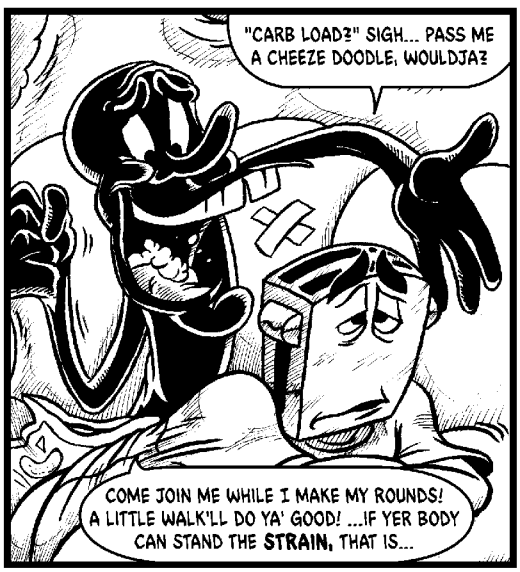

OH, SURE, LIKE IT WAS THE FRIGGIN' TAJ MAHAL TO BEGIN WITH!


SIGH... I SPENT ALL MORNING LOOKIN' FOR A JOB...
STONE CITY REGISTER
STRANGE CRIMES
CONTINUE
THE GUY AT THE AIRPORT SAID MY HEAD POSED A "SECURITY RISK"... LADY AT THE ZOO SAID SHE HAD A "THING" ABOUT TOASTERS... I MEAN, CUMON! A MAN WITH A TOASTER ON HIS HEAD CAN'T EVEN FIND A DECENT JOB ANYMORE!

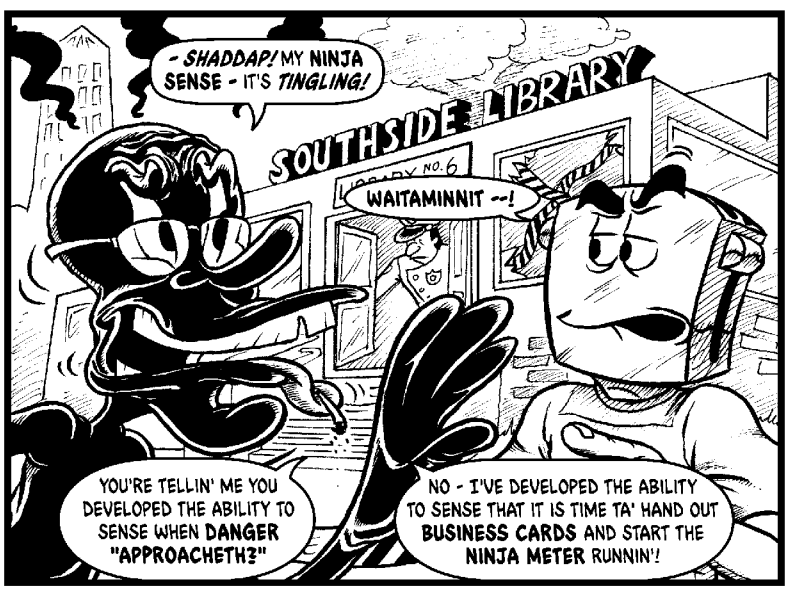

I GUESS THE LOCAL MARKET FOR **PERSONAL POP-TART CHEFS** IS ALL TAPPED OUT! SO, WHAT NOW?
I DUNNO... HOW'S THE **MUSIC BUSINESS** HERE NOWADAYS?
WHUMP
ABOUT THE SAME AS IT WAS WHEN YOU **LEFT,** BUCKETHEAD! **INCREDIBLE TALENT** AND A **BUCK-FIFTY** WILL GETCHA A ***BANANA MOON PIE!***
...AND YOU, MY FRIEND, GOT NEITHER THE **TALENT,** NOR THE **BUCK FIFTY** - BUT I BET YOU'D GO FOR THAT **MOON PIE!** AIN'T THAT RIGHT, CHUBBS!
CHEE DOODLES

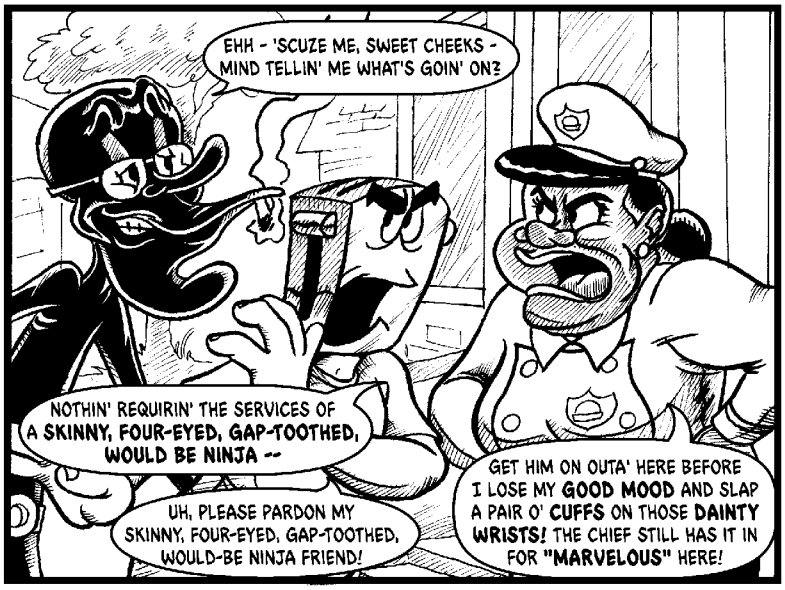
OH, SHUT UP... LIKE THE **FREELANCE NINJA** BUSINESS IS WHERE IT'S AT, HUH?
ERR... DIS IS A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE LOCAL MARKET...
SIGH... LOOK AT ME. A MAN MY AGE. **NIGH UNEMPLOYABLE!** WHAT HAVE I DONE WITH MY LIFE? ***NOTHIN'!***


OH, YER **WORRYIN'** TOO MUCH... YOU'RE SO ***HIGH STRUNG!*** SO ***UPTIGHT!***
SURE, BECAUSE I'D RATHER **FIND A JOB** THAN **HANG AROUND** ALL DAY, WALLOWIN' IN **FILTH,** EATIN' ***CHEEZE DOODLES!***
RELAX! SOMETHIN'S BOUND TA' COME ALONG! BESIDES, THIS AIN'T JUST "HANGIN' OUT," I GOTTA ***CARB LOAD!***


"CARB LOAD?" SIGH... PASS ME A CHEEZE DOODLE, WOULDJA?
COME JOIN ME WHILE I MAKE MY ROUNDS! A LITTLE WALK'LL DO YA' GOOD! ...IF YER BODY CAN STAND THE **STRAIN,** THAT IS...

DOWN THE STREET
WELL, NOW THAT I PAID YOUR **POWER BILL,** I ONLY GOT **$97** LEFT IN THE BANK!
NINETY-SEVEN BUCKS?! YOU KNOW HOW LONG I COULD **LIVE** OFF THAT?!
BASED UPON YOUR OPULENT LIFESTYLE, I IMAGINE YOU COULD STRETCH THAT OUT A COUPLE MONTHS, EASY! ...WHERE WE GOIN', ANYWAY? DO YOU USUALL JUST WANDER -


- SHADDAP! MY **NINJA SENSE** - IT'S ***TINGLING!***
SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY
LIBRARY NO. 6
WAITAMINNIT --!
YOU'RE TELLIN' ME YOU DEVELOPED THE ABILITY TO SENSE WHEN **DANGER "APPROACHETH?"**
NO - I'VE DEVELOPED THE ABILITY TO SENSE THAT IT IS TIME TA' HAND OUT **BUSINESS CARDS** AND START THE **NINJA METER** RUNNIN'!


EHH - 'SCUZE ME, SWEET CHEEKS - MIND TELLIN' ME WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
NOTHIN' REQUIRIN' THE SERVICES OF A SKINNY, FOUR-EYED, GAP-TOOTHED, WOULD BE NINJA --
UH, PLEASE PARDON MY SKINNY, FOUR-EYED, GAP-TOOTHED, WOULD-BE NINJA FRIEND!
GET HIM ON OUTA' HERE BEFORE I LOSE MY GOOD MOOD AND SLAP A PAIR O' CUFFS ON THOSE DAINTY WRISTS! THE CHIEF STILL HAS IT IN FOR "MARVELOUS" HERE!

CUMERE YOU IDIOT! YOU WANNA GET ARRESTED? YOU KNOW WHAT THEY DO TO NINJAS IN PRISON!
LOOK, HEATING-COILS-FER-BRAINS, NEED I REMIND YOU, I AM NINJA! REGULAR LAWS DON'T APPLY TO ME!

THAT WAS YOUR EXCUSE FOR TAKIN' THAT CUB SCOUT TROOP TO THE STRIP CLUB!
BUT WHO BETTER THAN A NINJA TO ESCORT A GROUP O' CHILDREN INTO A STRIP CLUB?!
WHY DON'T WE JUST GO TALK TO THAT LIBRARIAN? MAYBE HE SAW SOMETHIN'!

WELL, LET ME HANDLE HIM! DIS WHOLE AREA IS UNDER MY NINJA JURISDICTION!
"NINJA JURISDICTION?" YOU JUST MADE THAT UP!
EHH - HOW NOW, LOWLY CITIZEN! EXPLAIN WHAT CRIMINAL ACT HATH TRANSPIRED!
OPEN
PERHAPS THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA MAY LEND HIS EXPERTISE!
TRANSPIRED? I THINK I LOST MY INTERNSHIP! THAT'S WHAT "HATH" TRANSPIRED!
POLICE LINE

WHADAYA MEAN? WHAT HAPPENED?
THE MAP ROOM! ONE SECOND IT WAS FINE... THE NEXT SECOND, IT WAS A WRECK - AND ALL THE OLD MAPS WERE GONE!
YOU MEAN, THEY JUST VANISHED?
WONDERFUL! JUST LIKE THE LAST TIME! THE NINJA GUIDEBOOK INCLUDES NO MENTION OF MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES!

I SUGGEST YOU TWO DISAPPEAR BEFORE YOU END UP IN A HOLDING CELL!
TEN-FOUR! I GOT FAR MORE IMPORTANT NINJA RELATED BIZNESS TO ATTEND TO, ANYWAY!

MEANWHILE, A CURIOUS SCENE UNFOLDS AT JERRY'S VINTAGE CLOTHING...
...SLOW DAY... YOU'D THINK THERE'D BE A BIGGER MARKET FOR REPRODUCTIONS OF CLOTHING FROM ANCIENT ROMAN TIMES AND MUSEUM QUALITY MIDDLE AGE EUROPEAN TUNICS... MAYBE MORTGAGING MY HOUSE WAS A BAD IDEA...
SZZRAK!
WHAT TH'--!
SALE
EVERYTHING'S GONE! IT'S ALL GONE! AM I HAVIN' A FLASHBACK?!
HEH HEH HEH!!
10GAS
DARK AGES
1800s
RETRO. $14.99
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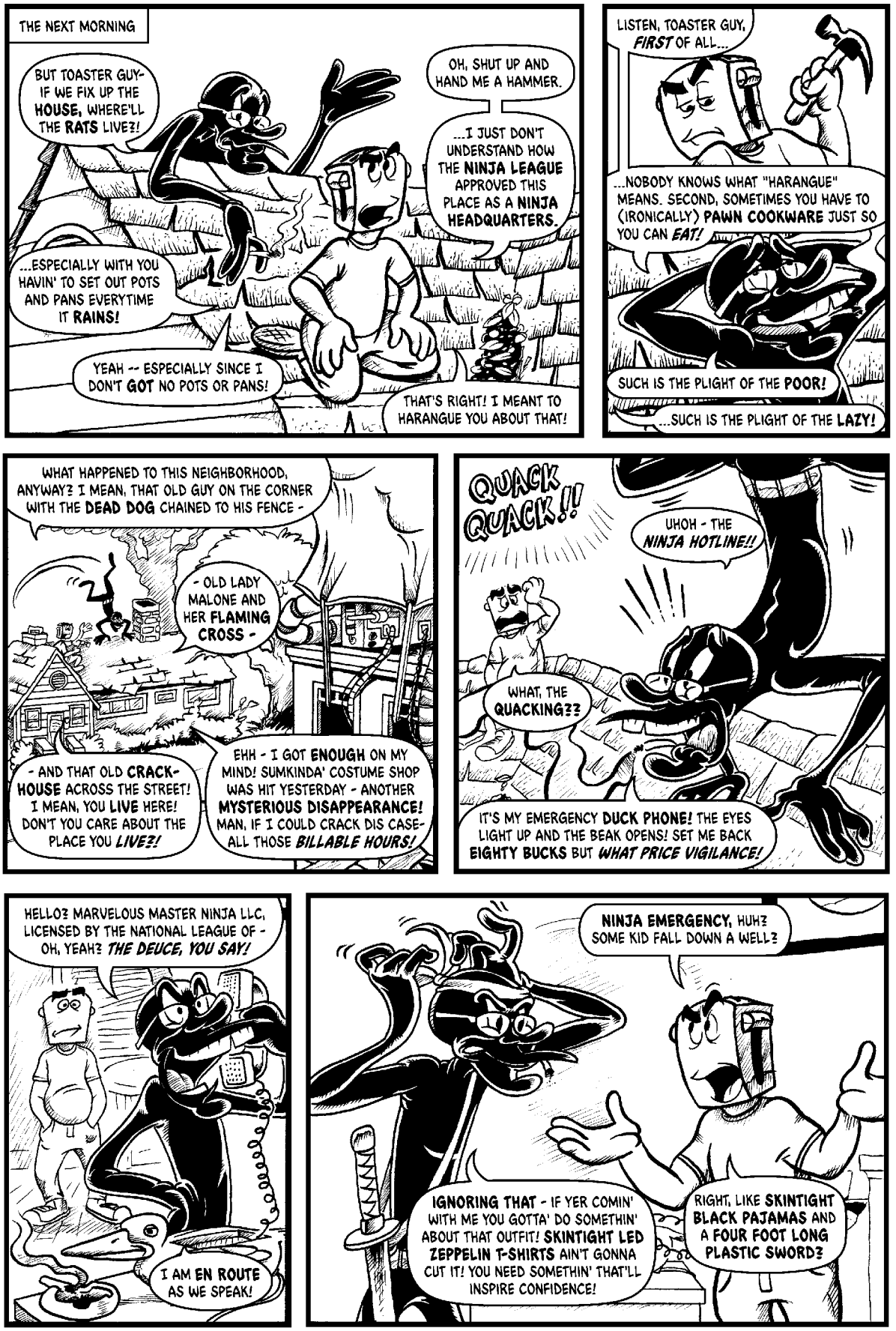
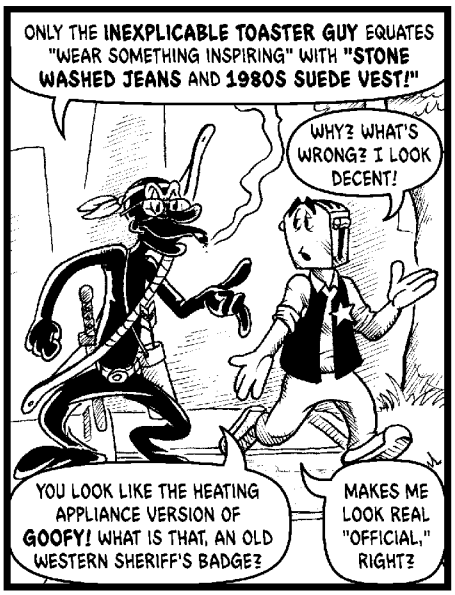
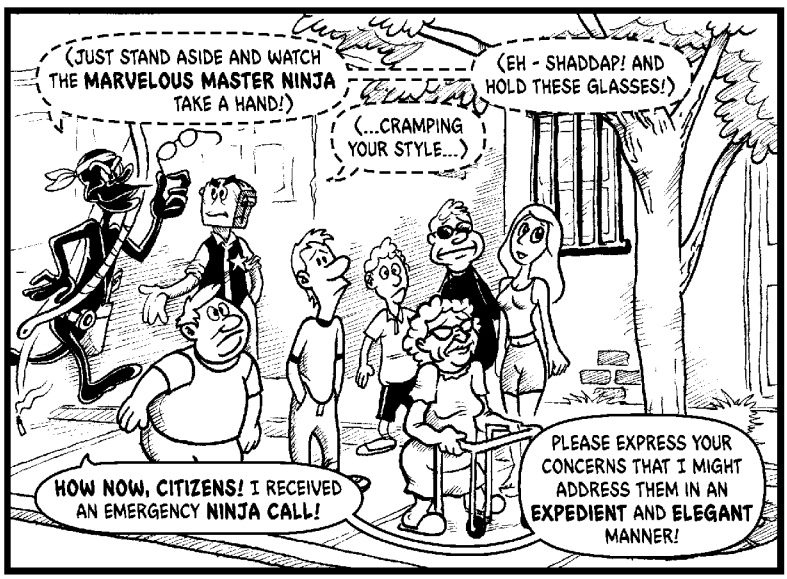
HUFF! GASP! MAYBE I SHOULDA' STOLEN A HAND TRUCK!

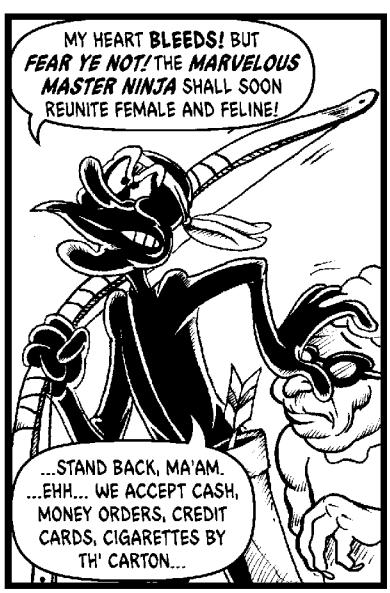

THE NEXT MORNING
BUT TOASTER GUY- IF WE FIX UP THE HOUSE, WHERE'LL THE RATS LIVE?!
OH, SHUT UP AND HAND ME A HAMMER.
...I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE NINJA LEAGUE APPROVED THIS PLACE AS A NINJA HEADQUARTERS.
...ESPECIALLY WITH YOU HAVIN' TO SET OUT POTS AND PANS EVERYTIME IT RAINS!
YEAH -- ESPECIALLY SINCE I DON'T GOT NO POTS OR PANS!
THAT'S RIGHT! I MEANT TO HARANGUE YOU ABOUT THAT!
LISTEN, TOASTER GUY, FIRST OF ALL...
...NOBODY KNOWS WHAT "HARANGUE" MEANS. SECOND, SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO (IRONICALLY) PAWN COOKWARE JUST SO YOU CAN EAT!
SUCH IS THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR!
...SUCH IS THE PLIGHT OF THE LAZY!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, ANYWAY? I MEAN, THAT OLD GUY ON THE CORNER WITH THE DEAD DOG CHAINED TO HIS FENCE -
- OLD LADY MALONE AND HER FLAMING CROSS -
- AND THAT OLD CRACK-HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET! I MEAN, YOU LIVE HERE! DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT THE PLACE YOU LIVE?!
EHH - I GOT ENOUGH ON MY MIND! SUMKINDA' COSTUME SHOP WAS HIT YESTERDAY - ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE! MAN, IF I COULD CRACK DIS CASE- ALL THOSE BILLABLE HOURS!
QUACK QUACK!!
UHOH - THE NINJA HOTLINE!!
WHAT, THE QUACKING??
IT'S MY EMERGENCY DUCK PHONE! THE EYES LIGHT UP AND THE BEAK OPENS! SET ME BACK EIGHTY BUCKS BUT WHAT PRICE VIGILANCE!
HELLO? MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA LLC, LICENSED BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF - OH, YEAH? THE DEUCE, YOU SAY!
I AM EN ROUTE AS WE SPEAK!
NINJA EMERGENCY, HUH? SOME KID FALL DOWN A WELL?
IGNORING THAT - IF YER COMIN' WITH ME YOU GOTTA' DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT THAT OUTFIT! SKINTIGHT LED ZEPPELIN T-SHIRTS AIN'T GONNA CUT IT! YOU NEED SOMETHIN' THAT'LL INSPIRE CONFIDENCE!
RIGHT, LIKE SKINTIGHT BLACK PAJAMAS AND A FOUR FOOT LONG PLASTIC SWORD?


ONLY THE INEXPLICABLE TOASTER GUY EQUATES "WEAR SOMETHING INSPIRING" WITH "STONE WASHED JEANS AND 1980S SUEDE VEST!"
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG? I LOOK DECENT!
YOU LOOK LIKE THE HEATING APPLIANCE VERSION OF GOOFY! WHAT IS THAT, AN OLD WESTERN SHERIFF'S BADGE?
MAKES ME LOOK REAL "OFFICIAL," RIGHT?

WHY DOES IT SAY "FRONTIERLAND" ON IT? -- NEVERMIND! LISTEN, TOASTER GUY, NINETY PERCENT OF WHAT I DO IS ABOUT INSTILLING CONFIDENCE!
IN OTHER WORDS, BOLD-FACED LIES!
YOU ARE SERIOUSLY CRAMPIN' MY STYLE HERE! IF YA' WANT PEOPLE TO FEEL LIKE THEY'RE GETTIN' THEIR MONEY'S WORTH, YA GOTTA LOOK THE PART! OTHERWISE YA' GOTTA MAKE UP FOR IT BY WAY OF QUALITY SERVICE!
YEAH, AND I GUESS THAT SHIP HAS SAILED!


(JUST STAND ASIDE AND WATCH THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA TAKE A HAND!)
(EH - SHADDAP! AND HOLD THESE GLASSES!)
(...CRAMPING YOUR STYLE...)
HOW NOW, CITIZENS! I RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY NINJA CALL!
PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS THAT I MIGHT ADDRESS THEM IN AN EXPEDIENT AND ELEGANT MANNER!

OH, GRACIOUS, MY KITTY! SHE'S CLIMBED UP THAT TREE! DON'T KNOW WHY SHE WON'T COME DOWN... EVER SINCE MY HUSBAND PASSED SHE'S ALL I HAVE...
FEAR NOT! FOR I, THE MARVELOUS -
...MY CHILDREN ALL HATE ME AND MY ONE SISTER HAS THE RHEUMATISM... SOME TIMES I FEEL LIKE I JUST WANT IT ALL TO-


MY HEART BLEEDS! BUT FEAR YE NOT! THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA SHALL SOON REUNITE FEMALE AND FELINE!
...STAND BACK, MA'AM. ...EHH... WE ACCEPT CASH, MONEY ORDERS, CREDIT CARDS, CIGARETTES BY TH' CARTON...

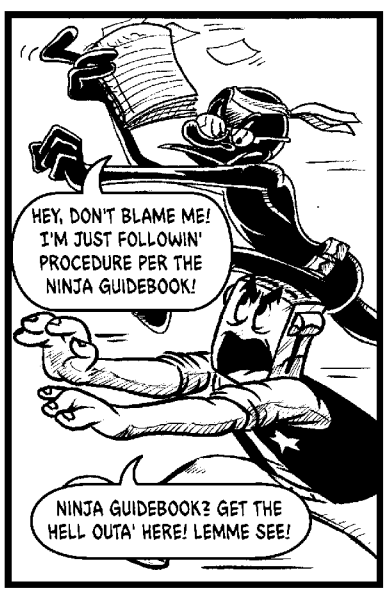
(HEY - WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! WHY ARE YOU EVEN CARRYING THAT THING?!)
GIMME A BREAK! I'VE DONE THIS A ZILLION TIMES!
I'M JUST GONNA SCARE THE LITTLE GUY! HE'LL SCAMPER RIGHT DOWN!

THWIPP! MRREEOWW!
UHOH.
FLUFFYZ!

YA' KNOW, THAT HAPPENS EVERY SINGLE TIME I USE THIS THING...
FLUFFY! I DON'T WANT TO LIVE!!
ER - PERHAPS WE CAN NEGOTIATE A DISCOUNT ON OUR FEE...

IT'S THAT IDIOT NINJA! HE'S A CAT-KILLER! ROUND UP A MOB!!
LYNCH THE NINJA! LYNCH THE NINJA!!

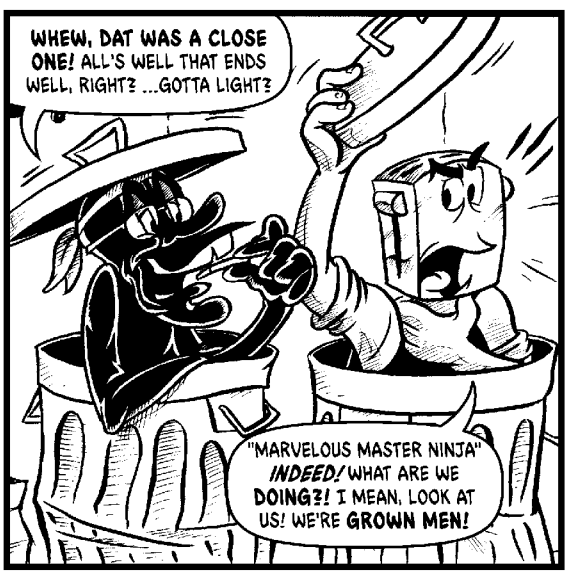
DIS SEEMS TO BE A REGULAR OCCURRENCE AS WELL...
YOU - YOU'RE JUST - I CAN'T -
--I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD SHOOT AN ARROW AT A CAT!

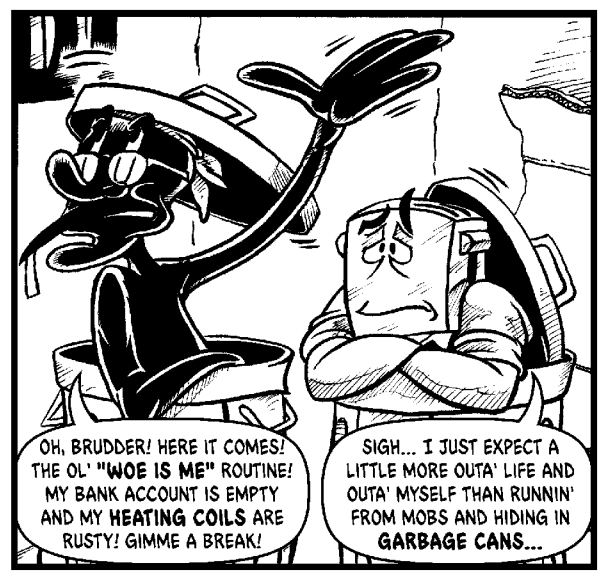

HEY, DON'T BLAME ME! I'M JUST FOLLOWIN' PROCEDURE PER THE NINJA GUIDEBOOK!
NINJA GUIDEBOOK? GET THE HELL OUTA' HERE! LEMME SEE!

WHAT TH' - THIS IS ON NOTEBOOK PAPER! IT'S WRITTEN IN PINK HIGHLIGHTER!
Ninja Guide Book
YEAH - SO THE IMPORTANT PARTS STAND OUT!
BUT IT'S ALL IN HIGHLIGHTER!

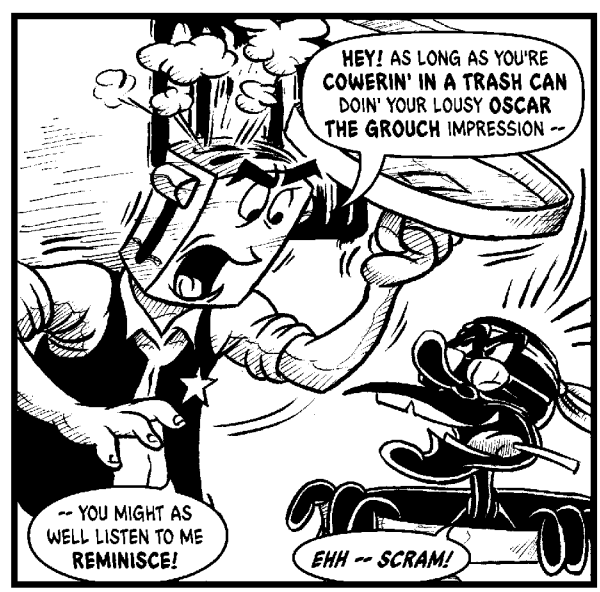
'CUZ IT'S ALL IMPORTANT! LOOK, DOWN THAT ALLEY! CRAM YERSELF INTO ONE O' THOSE GARBAGE CANS!

WHERE'D THEY GO? LET'S GO BACK UP THE STREET! SOMEBODY IS GETTING A BEAT DOWN!
WERE THEY OVERPRICED?
I THINK I SAW A GUY SELLIN' HOT DOGS ON THE CORNER!
...YES THEY WERE!!!


WHEW, DAT WAS A CLOSE ONE! ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, RIGHT? ...GOTTA LIGHT?
"MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA" INDEED! WHAT ARE WE DOING?! I MEAN, LOOK AT US! WE'RE GROWN MEN!

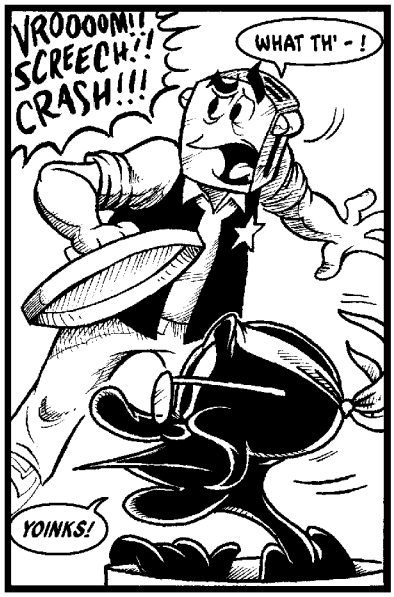

OH, BRUDDER! HERE IT COMES! THE OL' "WOE IS ME" ROUTINE! MY BANK ACCOUNT IS EMPTY AND MY HEATING COILS ARE RUSTY! GIMME A BREAK!
SIGH... I JUST EXPECT A LITTLE MORE OUTA' LIFE AND OUTA' MYSELF THAN RUNNIN' FROM MOBS AND HIDING IN GARBAGE CANS...

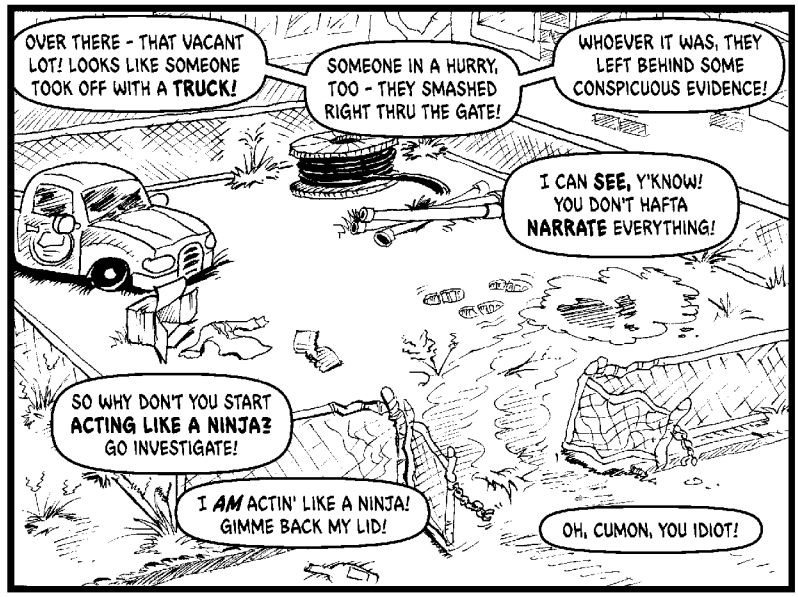
HEH - ACTUALLY (CHUCKLE), THIS REMINDS ME OF KIND OF A FUNNY STORY - HAPPENED A FEW YEARS BACK, WHEN I WAS PLAYIN' BARS AND LOW-RENT NIGHTCLUBS UP IN NEW YORK-
AWW CRAP - I SMELL A FLASHBACK COMIN' ON!

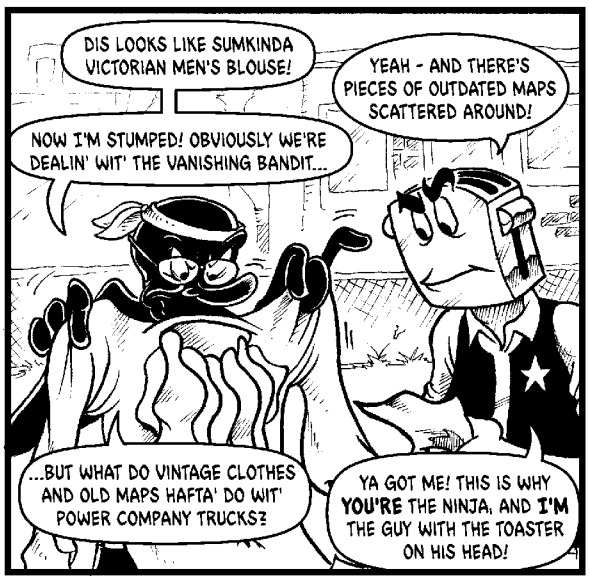

HEY! AS LONG AS YOU'RE COWERIN' IN A TRASH CAN DOIN' YOUR LOUSY OSCAR THE GROUCH IMPRESSION --
-- YOU MIGHT AS WELL LISTEN TO ME REMINISCE!
EHH -- SCRAM!

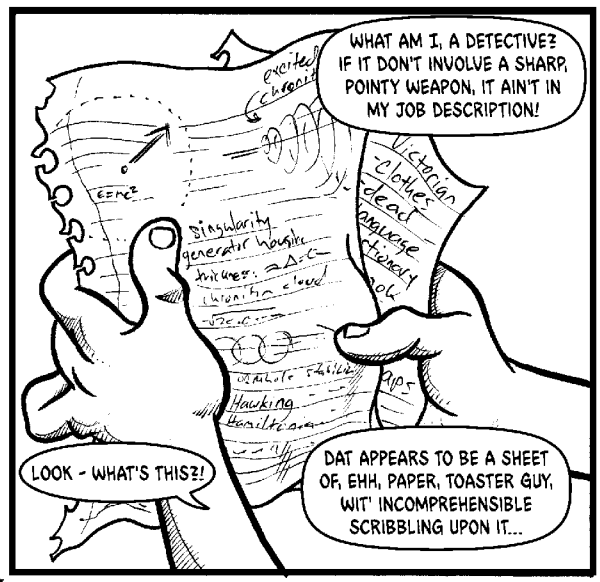
LEMME SEE. IT WAS A WARM SUMMER NIGHT...
...JUST TURN ME BACK OVER TO THAT MOB, WOULDJA?
I'D GONE TO PICK UP OUR DRUMMER...
TRUE TO FORM, HE WAS HIDING OUT IN A TRASH CAN, BEIN' CHASED BY SOME RUSSIAN GUY WITH AN AXE AND AN UNDERSHIRT...
BEFORE I COULD ASK WHAT THE DEAL WAS, HE SHUSHED ME AND SHOVED ME INTO A TRASH CAN!
FER CRAP'S SAKE, IS HE SERIOUS? I'M A NINJA AND I'M IN A FRIGGIN' GARBAGE CAN!
I MEAN - I DON'T HAFTA' TELL YOU ABOUT DRUMMERS, AM I...
OH, COME ON!
SO HE WAITS 'TIL THE GUY'S BACK IS TURNED, THEN HE LEAPS OUT -
- WITH A CHICKEN IN ONE HAND AND THE GUY'S DAUGHTER IN THE OTHER!
FER THE LUVVA' MIKE... THESE STORIES GO ON FOREVER... IT'S LIKE THERE'S NO POINT! HE JUST KEEPS TALKIN'!
...SO A COUPLE DAYS LATER, LEONARD (OUR BASS PLAYER) AND I GO BACK OVER THERE TO CHECK ON THE GUY, AND HE'S BACK IN THE TRASH CAN - STONE DEAD!
...NATURALLY!
...SO, WE STUFFED HIM IN THERE AND PUT THE LID BACK ON. WE PUT HIM OUT BY THE ROAD AND THAT WAS THE END OF IT!
I MEAN, WHO WANTS TO PAY FOR A FUNERAL, AM I RIGHT?!
FASCINATIN' STORY, TOASTER GUY! DO ME A FAVOR - NEXT TIME, JUST PUT ME OUT BY THE ROAD, WILLYA?
...AWW, EVERYBODY'S DOWN ON ME TODAY...

MEANWHILE
THE COAST IS CLEAR! GOOD THING, TOO - ANOTHER COUPLE O' MINUTES AND SOMEONE WOULDA' SEEN ME!
AND I'M ABOUT OUTA' JUICE - I CAN'T AFFORD T'PULL ANOTHER FREEZE-N-SPLIT!
I GOT JUST A FEW MORE ITEMS ON MY "LAST MINUTE" LIST! THINK I SNAGGED ALL THE "DISGUISE" AND "FIND MY WAY AROUND" STUFF...
...JUST THESE FINAL KEY PIECES AND I'LL BE SET!
ONE NICE'N'LOADED POWER COMPANY TRUCK WOULD HAVE ALL TH' ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS I NEED...
...HMMM... I GOT IT!
THERE'S A VACANT LOT NEARBY WHERE THE STONE CITY POWER AUTHORITY KEEPS LOADED WORK TRUCKS... TIME TO MAKE MY WAY OVER THERE AND COMMIT GRAND THEFT AUTO! HEH-HEH-HEH!!
WHY AM I OUT HERE LAUGHIN' TO MYSELF? I GOT WORK TO DO! AND FAST, BEFORE SOMEBODY FIGURES OUT WHAT'S UP! THE LOCAL CONSTABULARY IS LIABLE TO CATCH ON EVENTUALLY - AND I HEARD TELL OF SUMKINDA' NINJA PROWLIN' AROUND!
ANOTHER NIGHT OR TWO - THEN I'LL BE READY!
VICTORIAN CLOTHING
REPRODUCTION
10:15
JUNE 8
THEN THEY CAN THROW ALL THE COPS 'N NINJAS THEY WANT AT ME! IT WON'T MATTER! TIME WILL BE MY ULTIMATE JUDGE! AND THE VERDICT? HEH-HEH! HISTORY WILL TREMBLE AT THE VERY MENTION OF...
...THE UNSTOPPABLE STOPWATCH!


VROOOOM!!!
SCREECH!!!
CRASH!!!
WHAT TH' - !
YOINKS!

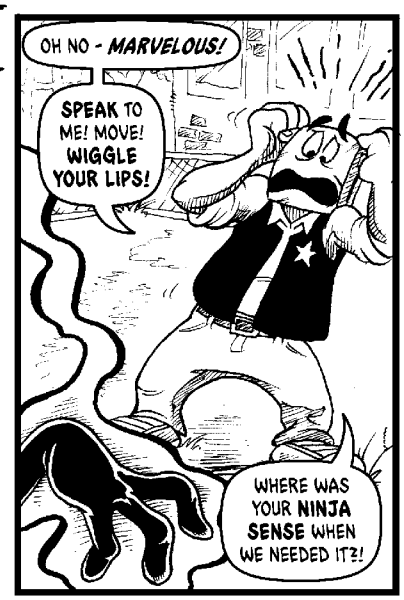

OVER THERE - THAT VACANT LOT! LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE TOOK OFF WITH A TRUCK!
SOMEONE IN A HURRY, TOO - THEY SMASHED RIGHT THRU THE GATE!
WHOEVER IT WAS, THEY LEFT BEHIND SOME CONSPICUOUS EVIDENCE!
I CAN SEE, Y'KNOW! YOU DON'T HAFTA NARRATE EVERYTHING!
SO WHY DON'T YOU START ACTING LIKE A NINJA? GO INVESTIGATE!
I AM ACTIN' LIKE A NINJA! GIMME BACK MY LID!
OH, CUMON, YOU IDIOT!

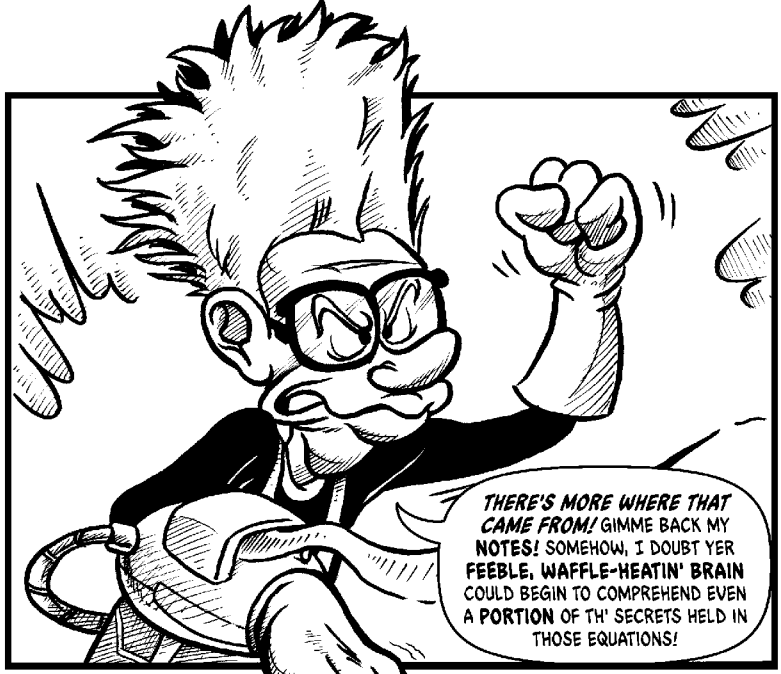

DIS LOOKS LIKE SUMKINDA VICTORIAN MEN'S BLOUSE!
YEAH - AND THERE'S PIECES OF OUTDATED MAPS SCATTERED AROUND!
NOW I'M STUMPED! OBVIOUSLY WE'RE DEALIN' WIT' THE VANISHING BANDIT...
...BUT WHAT DO VINTAGE CLOTHES AND OLD MAPS HAFTA' DO WIT' POWER COMPANY TRUCKS?
YA GOT ME! THIS IS WHY YOU'RE THE NINJA, AND I'M THE GUY WITH THE TOASTER ON HIS HEAD!


WHAT AM I, A DETECTIVE? IF IT DON'T INVOLVE A SHARP, POINTY WEAPON, IT AIN'T IN MY JOB DESCRIPTION!
LOOK - WHAT'S THIS?!
DAT APPEARS TO BE A SHEET OF, EHH, PAPER, TOASTER GUY, WIT' INCOMPREHENSIBLE SCRIBBLING UPON IT...

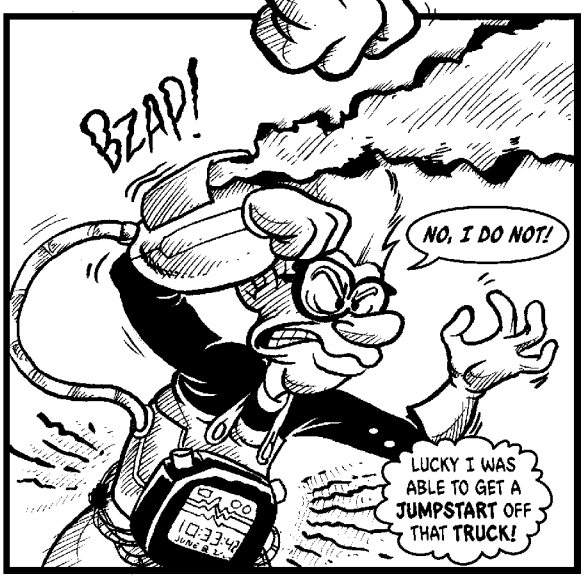
THAT WOULD BE MY NOTES, TIN-GRIN!
WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?!
AND WHAT'S WITH THE HAIR?!

SZZRAK!
YEOW!
HNNG!


OH NO - MARVELOUS!
SPEAK TO ME! MOVE! WIGGLE YOUR LIPS!
WHERE WAS YOUR NINJA SENSE WHEN WE NEEDED IT?!


THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM! GIMME BACK MY NOTES! SOMEHOW, I DOUBT YER FEEBLE, WAFFLE-HEATIN' BRAIN COULD BEGIN TO COMPREHEND EVEN A PORTION OF TH' SECRETS HELD IN THOSE EQUATIONS!

FEEBLE, HUH?
YOU WANNA COME OVER HERE AND SAY THAT TO MY FACE?!

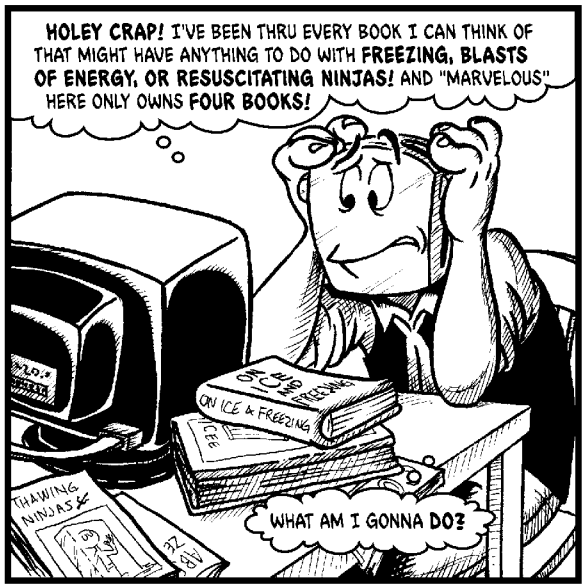

BZAP!
NO, I DO NOT!
LUCKY I WAS ABLE TO GET A JUMPSTART OFF THAT TRUCK!

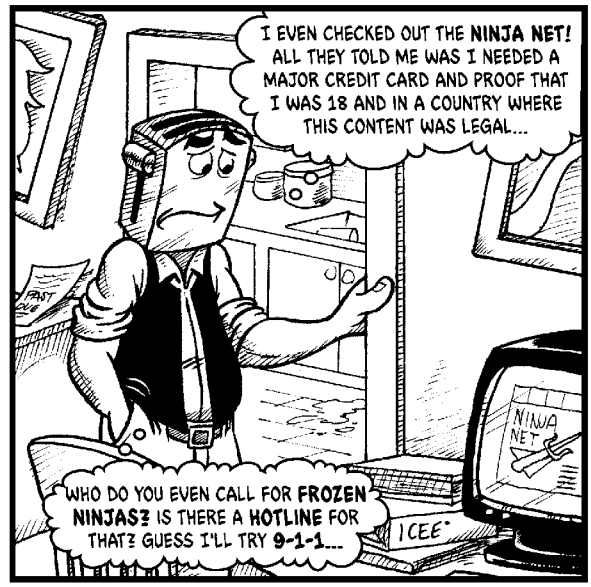
YEOW! WATCH OUT, YOU PSYCHOPATH! IS THIS YOUR INGENIOUS PLAN? FREEZE PEOPLE AND STEAL THEIR JUNK?!

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TA' KNOW, TOASTER MAN!
YEAH, I WOULD! AND THE NAME IS TOASTER GUY!
DON'T THINK I WON'T CHASE YOU DOWN! 'CAUSE I WILL! (GULP!)

OH, YEAH? YOU BETTER CHECK ON YER DOMESTIC PARTNER OVER THERE FIRST! HEH-HEH!
OH, MAN - GIVE CHASE OR CHECK ON THE NINJA?! ...I'LL PROBABLY HATE MYSELF IN THE MORNING...

HE'S NOT MOVING... HE'S NOT EVEN BREATHING!
DADGUMMIT... THIS MEANS I GOTTA CARRY HIM HOME!
THIS IS RIDICULOUS... DRAGGIN' HOME AN UNRESPONSIVE NINJA...
...YET SOMEHOW, IT SEEMS STRANGELY APPROPRIATE...


HOLEY CRAP! I'VE BEEN THRU EVERY BOOK I CAN THINK OF THAT MIGHT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH FREEZING, BLASTS OF ENERGY, OR RESUSCITATING NINJAS! AND "MARVELOUS" HERE ONLY OWNS FOUR BOOKS!
ON ICE & FREEZING
ICEE
THAWING NINJAS
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?


I EVEN CHECKED OUT THE NINJA NET! ALL THEY TOLD ME WAS I NEEDED A MAJOR CREDIT CARD AND PROOF THAT I WAS 18 AND IN A COUNTRY WHERE THIS CONTENT WAS LEGAL...
NINJA NET
WHO DO YOU EVEN CALL FOR FROZEN NINJAS? IS THERE A HOTLINE FOR THAT? GUESS I'LL TRY 9-1-1...
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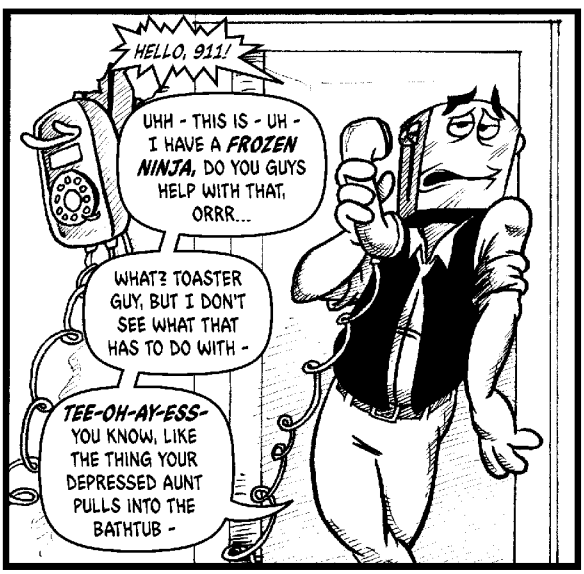
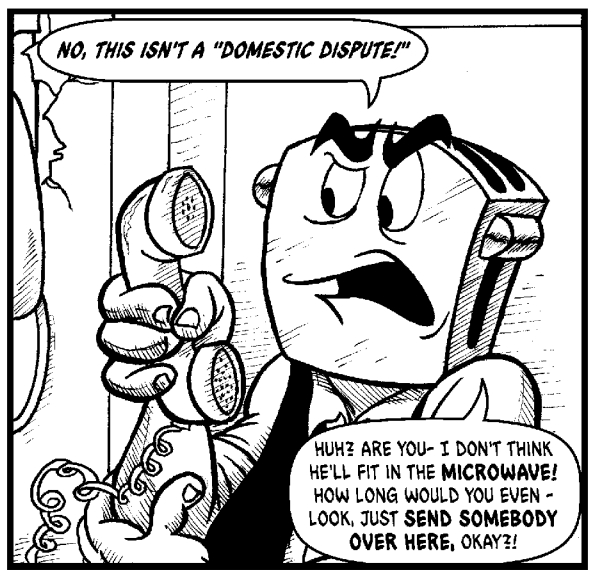

HELLO, 911!
UHH - THIS IS - UH - I HAVE A FROZEN NINJA, DO YOU GUYS HELP WITH THAT, ORRR...
WHAT? TOASTER GUY, BUT I DON'T SEE WHAT THAT HAS TO DO WITH -
TEE-OH-AY-ESS- YOU KNOW, LIKE THE THING YOUR DEPRESSED AUNT PULLS INTO THE BATHTUB -

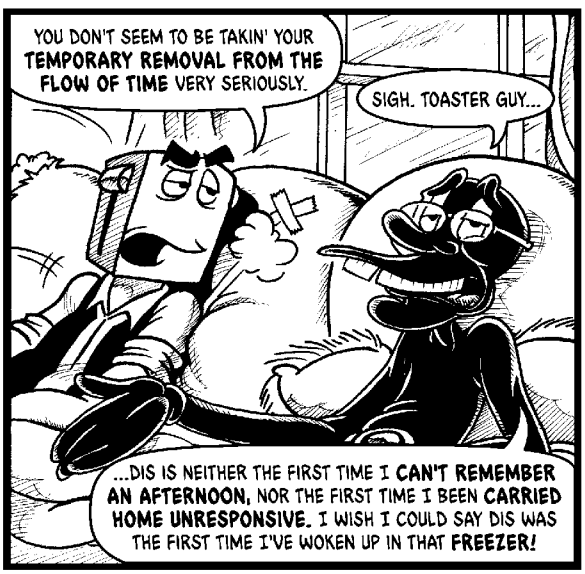

NO, THIS ISN'T A "DOMESTIC DISPUTE!"
HUH? ARE YOU- I DON'T THINK HE'LL FIT IN THE MICROWAVE! HOW LONG WOULD YOU EVEN - LOOK, JUST SEND SOMEBODY OVER HERE, OKAY?!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. CUMON, T.G. - THINK! WHAT WOULD HE DO IF I WAS FROZEN SOLID?
AW, WHO AM I KIDDING - I'D WAKE UP WITH MY HEAD CRAMMED FULL O' EGGOS.

PROBLEM, TOASTER GUY?!
WHAT TH' -- YOU?!
YES, TOASTER GUY! ME!

- WHO ELSE WOULD IT BE?
EHH - AND MAYBE I DON'T WANNA KNOW, BUT - MIND TELLIN' ME WHY I WAS CRAMMED DIAGONALLY INTO YER OLD CHEST FREEZER?
WELL, YA' SEEMED TO BE FROZEN! NOT LIKE ICE, REALLY, BUT I WASN'T SURE WHAT ELSE TO DO!

I MEAN - YOU WEREN'T BREATHIN'! YOU HAD NO PULSE! IT DIDN'T EVEN PHASE YOU THE THREE TIMES THAT I DROPPED YOU!
WONDERFUL.
IT'S LIKE YOU WERE FROZEN IN TIME OR SOMETHIN'!
...THREE TIMES, HUH? GUESS IT WAS WORTH THE EXTRA FIVE BUCKS TO STAIN PROOF THIS OUTFIT!


YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE TAKIN' YOUR TEMPORARY REMOVAL FROM THE FLOW OF TIME VERY SERIOUSLY.
SIGH. TOASTER GUY...
...DIS IS NEITHER THE FIRST TIME I CAN'T REMEMBER AN AFTERNOON, NOR THE FIRST TIME I BEEN CARRIED HOME UNRESPONSIVE. I WISH I COULD SAY DIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE WOKEN UP IN THAT FREEZER!

Y'SEE, TOASTER GUY, BENEATH DIS MASK, I AM BUT A MAN! OBVIOUSLY HANDSOME, YES, BUT A MAN LIKE ANY OTHER - AND AS A MAN, I GOTTA EAT!
WHICH MEANS, WHEN I HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL AVAILABLE MOOCHING OPPORTUNITIES -
- I GOT NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO PURCHASE FOOD!

AND THAT, TOASTER GUY, REQUIRES MONEY, WHICH I AIN'T GONNA MAKE, SITTIN' AROUND WONDERIN' "WHO FROZE WHAT" OR "WHO KILLED WHOSE CAT WITH AN ARROW -"
KNOCK KNOCK!
POLICE!
OH, YEAH - WHILE YOU WERE ALL FROZEN, I CALLED 9-1-1!
GULP!

AFTERNOON, OFFICER- WHAT TH' - YOU!?
WELL, HUSH MY MOUTH!!
IF IT AIN'T EVERYONE'S FAVORITE TOASTER-HEADED WINNER OF THE "MOST LIKELY TO BURN YOUR ENGLISH MUFFINS" AWARD!
CHIEF-
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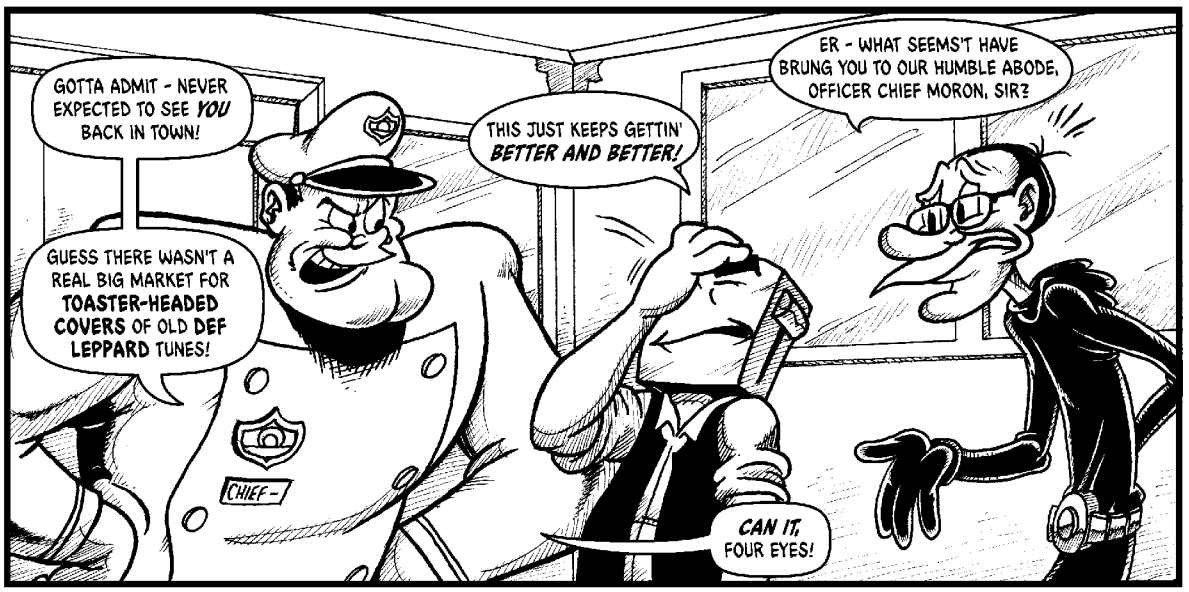
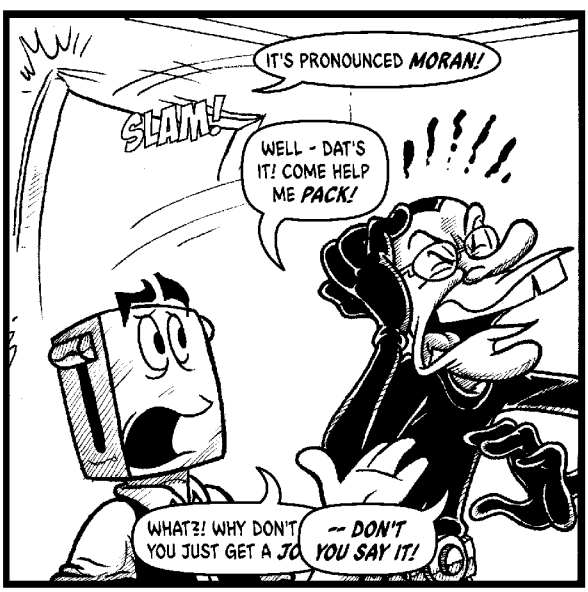
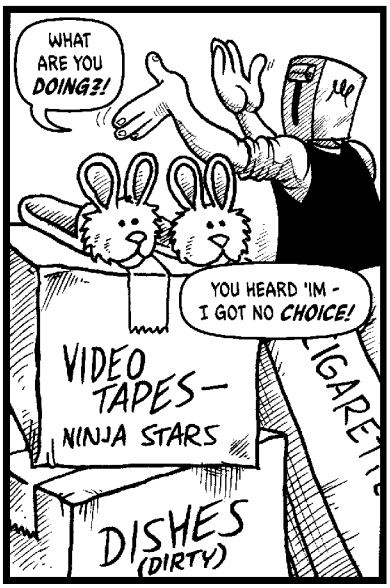

GOTTA ADMIT - NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE *YOU* BACK IN TOWN!
GUESS THERE WASN'T A REAL BIG MARKET FOR **TOASTER-HEADED COVERS** OF OLD **DEF LEPPARD** TUNES!
CHIEF -
THIS JUST KEEPS GETTIN' ***BETTER AND BETTER!***
ER - WHAT SEEMS'T HAVE BRUNG YOU TO OUR HUMBLE ABODE, OFFICER CHIEF MORON, SIR?
CAN IT, FOUR EYES!

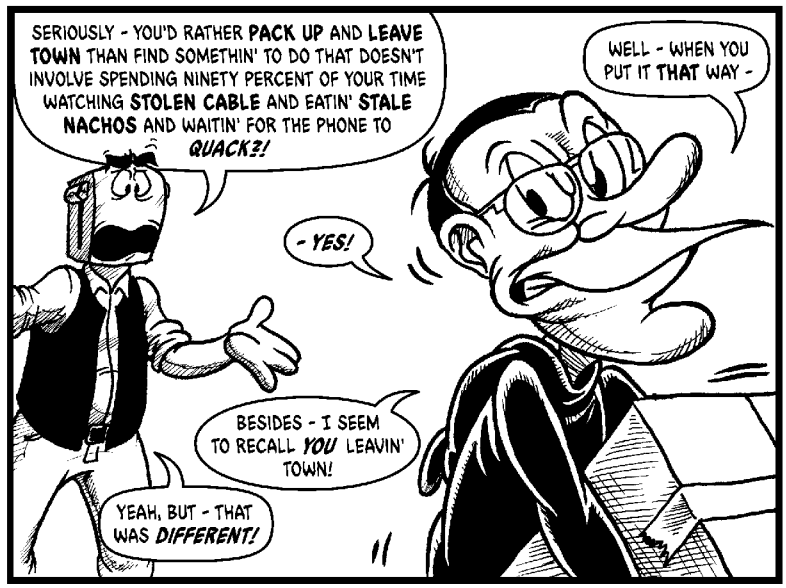
I AIN'T FALLIN' FOR YOUR NAIVE **"CONCERNED CITIZEN"** CRAP!
AS YOU KNOW, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS HAD AN EYE ON THE "MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA" FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW!
YOUR LITTLE **"ROBIN HOOD"** STUNT WITH GRANNY'S **CAT** BACK THERE -
- NOT TO MENTION TYIN' UP THE **EMERGENCY LINE** WITH STUPID NINJA RELATED CALLS - THE **MAYOR** PERSONALLY SENT ME OVER!

BUT THE MAYOR AN' ME HAD AN ***AGREEMENT!*** (SEEIN' AS I'M HIS OLDEST NEPHEW AND ALL!)
OH, BROTHER!
YEAH? WELL THE AGREEMENT'S ***OFF!***
AS OF THIS MOMENT, YOU ARE HEREBY **BARRED** FROM ANY FURTHER ***NINJA ACTIVITY*** IN THE CITY LIMITS!

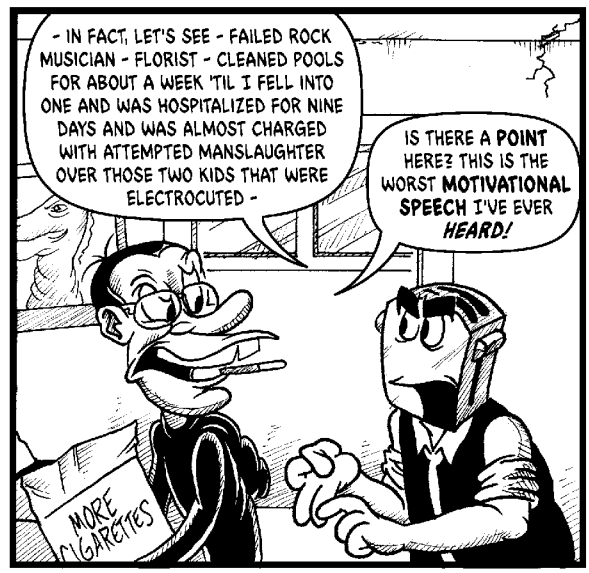
AND STAY AWAY FROM MY DAUGHTER!
SHE SAID SHE WAS ***EIGHTEEN!*** ...OR SHE WOULD BE, AT SOME POINT...!
ER - YESSIR, CHIEF MORON!

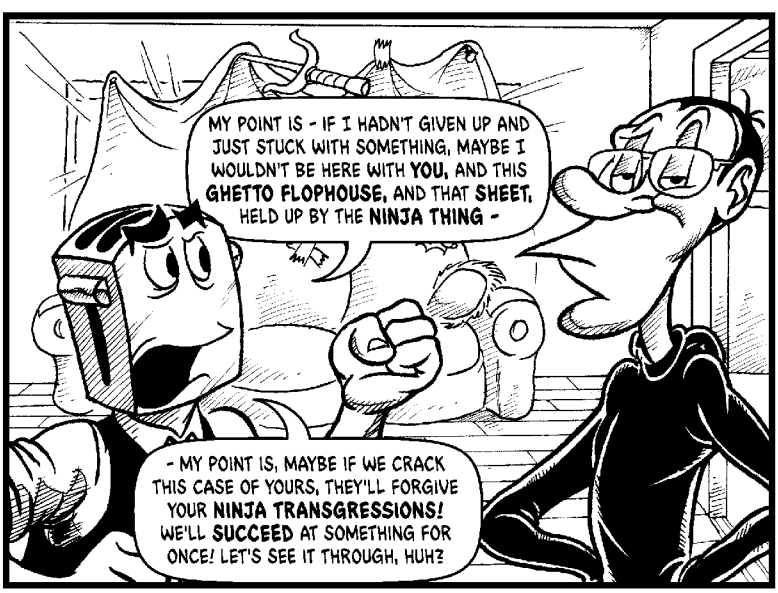

IT'S PRONOUNCED ***MORAN!***
SLAM!
WELL - DAT'S IT! COME HELP ME ***PACK!***
WHAT?! WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET A JO
-- DON'T YOU SAY IT!

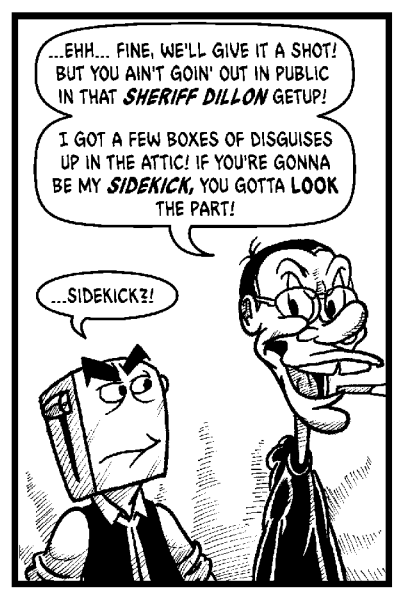

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU HEARD 'IM - I GOT NO CHOICE!
VIDEO TAPES - NINJA STARS
DISHES (DIRTY)


SERIOUSLY - YOU'D RATHER PACK UP AND LEAVE TOWN THAN FIND SOMETHIN' TO DO THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE SPENDING NINETY PERCENT OF YOUR TIME WATCHING STOLEN CABLE AND EATIN' STALE NACHOS AND WAITIN' FOR THE PHONE TO QUACK?!
WELL - WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY -
- YES!
BESIDES - I SEEM TO RECALL YOU LEAVIN' TOWN!
YEAH, BUT - THAT WAS DIFFERENT!

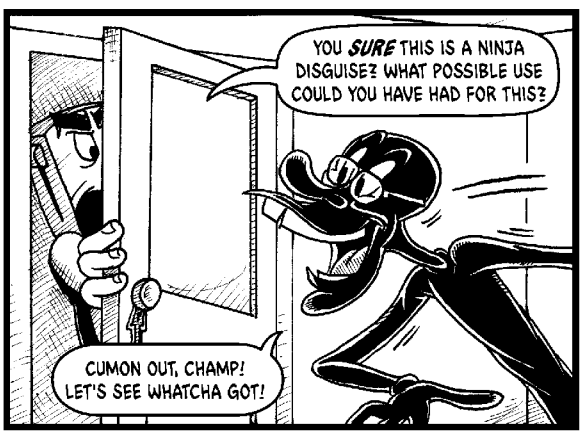
I MEAN - I WAS TRYIN' TO MAKE SOMETHIN' OUTA' MYSELF!
YEAH? HOW'D THAT GO? I ALSO SEEM T' RECALL YOU FALLIN' FLAT ON YER TOASTER-HEADED ASS!
YEAH - I FAILED ONCE OR TWICE! I'LL GIVE YOU THAT!

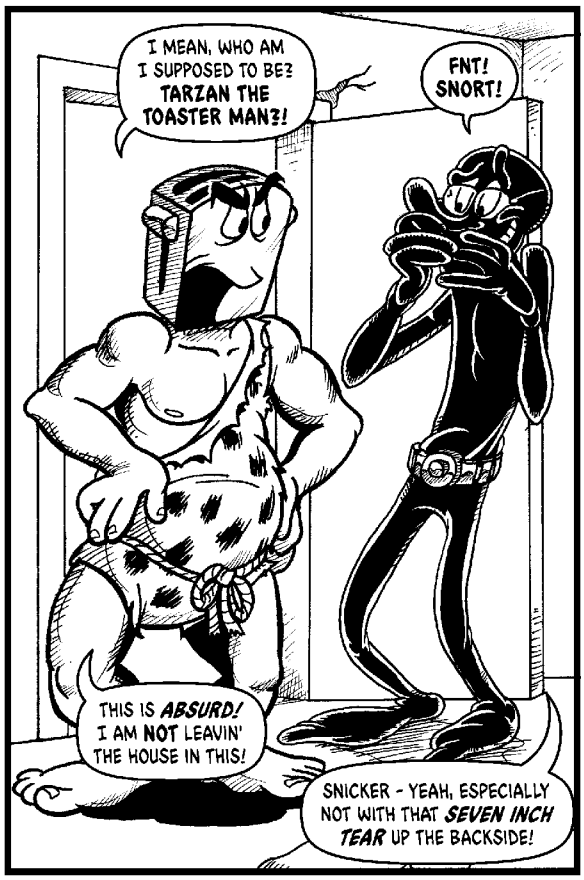

- IN FACT, LET'S SEE - FAILED ROCK MUSICIAN - FLORIST - CLEANED POOLS FOR ABOUT A WEEK 'TIL I FELL INTO ONE AND WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR NINE DAYS AND WAS ALMOST CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MANSLAUGHTER OVER THOSE TWO KIDS THAT WERE ELECTROCUTED -
IS THERE A POINT HERE? THIS IS THE WORST MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH I'VE EVER HEARD!
MORE CIGARETTES

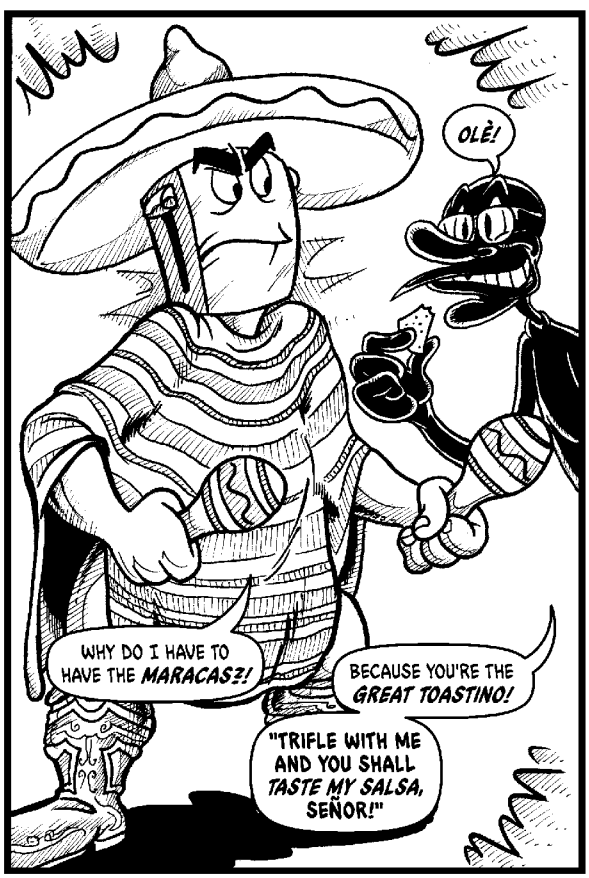

MY POINT IS - IF I HADN'T GIVEN UP AND JUST STUCK WITH SOMETHING, MAYBE I WOULDN'T BE HERE WITH YOU, AND THIS GHETTO FLOPHOUSE, AND THAT SHEET, HELD UP BY THE NINJA THING -
- MY POINT IS, MAYBE IF WE CRACK THIS CASE OF YOURS, THEY'LL FORGIVE YOUR NINJA TRANSGRESSIONS! WE'LL SUCCEED AT SOMETHING FOR ONCE! LET'S SEE IT THROUGH, HUH?

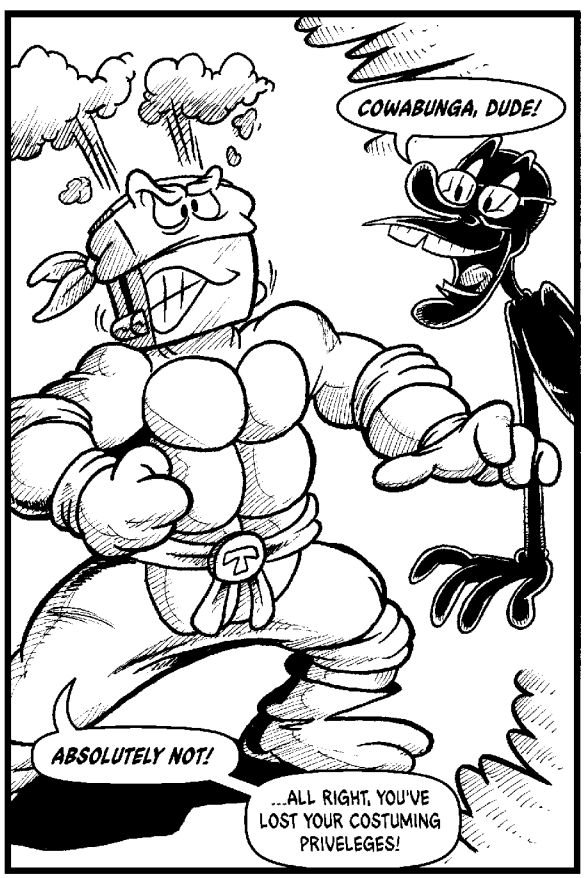

...EHH... FINE, WE'LL GIVE IT A SHOT! BUT YOU AIN'T GOIN' OUT IN PUBLIC IN THAT SHERIFF DILLON GETUP!
I GOT A FEW BOXES OF DISGUISES UP IN THE ATTIC! IF YOU'RE GONNA BE MY SIDEKICK, YOU GOTTA LOOK THE PART!
...SIDEKICK?!

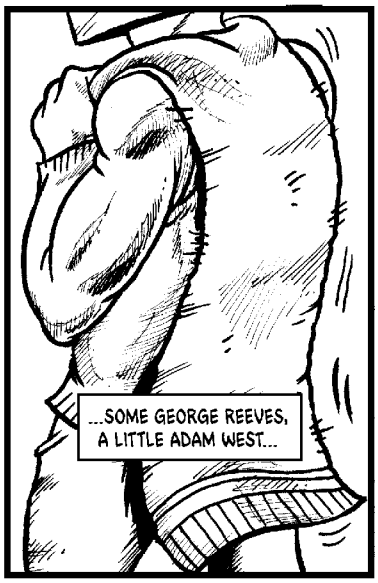
A SHORT TIME LATER
YAH DAH DAAAH...

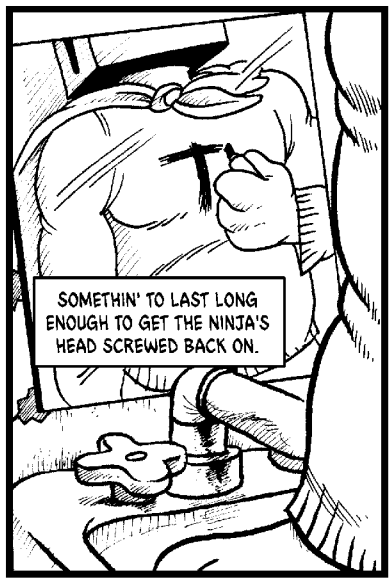

YOU SURE THIS IS A NINJA DISGUISE? WHAT POSSIBLE USE COULD YOU HAVE HAD FOR THIS?
CUMON OUT, CHAMP! LET'S SEE WHATCHA GOT!


I MEAN, WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO BE? TARZAN THE TOASTER MAN?!
FNT! SNORT!
THIS IS ABSURD! I AM NOT LEAVIN' THE HOUSE IN THIS!
SNICKER - YEAH, ESPECIALLY NOT WITH THAT SEVEN INCH TEAR UP THE BACKSIDE!


OLÈ!
WHY DO I HAVE TO HAVE THE MARACAS?!
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE GREAT TOASTINO!
"TRIFLE WITH ME AND YOU SHALL TASTE MY SALSA, SEÑOR!"


COWABUNGA, DUDE!
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
...ALL RIGHT, YOU'VE LOST YOUR COSTUMING PRIVELEGES!





CUMON - WE'LL TAKE THE **VAN!** WE GOTTA FIND THAT GUY'S HIDEOUT FIRST! WE'LL TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HE'S UP TO ON THE WAY THERE!

HEY - **I'M** THE NINJA AROUND HERE! YOU AIN'T EVEN REGISTERED WIT' THE **PART-TIME NINJA TEAMSTERS** YET!

WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER! MAYBE WE SHOULD SWING BY THE **LIBRARY** - I REMEMBER SEEIN' "HAWKING HAMILTONIAN" AND "SINGULARITY GENERATOR" ON THAT GUY'S NOTES! WHAT'S **THAT** ALL ABOUT?

MEANWHILE - IN A CLEVERLY-CHOSEN HIDEOUT, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREEET FROM NINJA HEADQUARTERS...
HEH-HEH-HEH! AT LAST, I HAVE EVERY PIECE I NEED TO BRING MY PLANS T' FRUITION!
...THE KEY PIECE - MY CHRONAL EXCEPTION SUIT - IS FULLY CHARGED!
IMAGINE - I'LL HAVE COMPLETE FREEDOM TO TRAVEL BACK AN' FORTH THRU TIME!
NOW, LET'S TRY ON THIS ZOOT SUIT... AHH... LIKE A GLOVE!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO LOAD EVERYTHING INTO THE CHRONO-SHUTTLE! ONCE THE SINGULARITY GENERATOR IS POWERED UP, THE WORMHOLE WILL OPEN AND I'LL BE HOME FREE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT - ALL THE YEARS O' PLANNING - ALL THAT TIME AMASSING A COLLECTION O' MAPS -
NOT TO MENTION OLD GUIDEBOOKS AND ATLASES! THE LENGTHS I HADDA GO THRU, JUST T' MAKE SURE I KNOW WHERE I'M GOIN' IN ANCIENT EGYPT OR MEDIEVAL ENGLAND!
AND THE CLOTHES! BETWEEN VINTAGE AND KNOCKOFFS, I OUGHTA' BLEND IN WIT' EVERYONE FROM MONGOLS TO CENTURIONS!
I DIDN'T QUITE MASTER MANDARIN CHINESE OR KIEVAN RUSSIAN, BUT I THINK I GRABBED ENOUGH FODOR'S DEAD LANGUAGES FOR TRAVELERS GUIDES TO GET ME BY!
I'LL SNAG EVERY RARE (AND EASY T'CARRY) ARTIFACT I CAN GET MY HANDS ON! HEH-HEH...
...THEN I'LL STASH 'EM IN THE CHRONO SHUTTLE AND BRING 'EM ALL BACK WITH ME!
OR - I'LL BE THERE T'SEE WHERE THEY MISPLACED THE MOST VALUABLE MISSING STUFF! THE TRUE CROSS! THE ARK O' THE COVENANT! HITLER'S BRAIN!
I'LL SELL THIS STUFF OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER! OR I'LL HOLD IT HOSTAGE! HOW MUCH WOULD THE U.N. PAY ME TO NOT PUT HITLER'S BRAIN IN A SUPER-POWERED ROBOTZ!
I'LL BE AN UNSTOPPABLE, RICH GENIUS! HEH-HEH-HEH!
WILL THE UNSTOPPABLE STOPWATCH SUCCEED IN HIS INSANE PLAN? WILL THE INEXPLICABLE TOASTER GUY AND THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA SUCCEED IN THEIR INSANE PLAN? WILL AARON HAZOURI FINISH THE STORY SOMETIME IN THIS LIFETIME? DON'T MISS PART TWO!

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TERROR FROM THE DAWN OF TIME!

THAT'S ME, TOASTER GUY, AND MY WOULD-BE CRIMEFIGHTING PARTNER, THE "MARVELOUS" MASTER NINJA, DOING WHAT WE DO BEST WHEN FACED WITH DANGER: RUNNIN' THE OTHER WAY!
YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERIN' HOW WE ENDED UP DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF AN OBVIOUSLY VIOLENT, ANGRY, BLOODTHIRSTY, PREHISTORIC MONSTER. GOOD QUESTION!
IT SEEMS SOMEHOW APPROPRIATE THAT THE CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT OF MY LIFE IS BECOMING FODDER FOR SOME OVERGROWN LIZARD'S DIGESTIVE SYSTEM...!
WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL FILL YOU IN - IF THIS SITUATION ENDS UP LIKE I THINK IT'S GONNA END UP, SOMEBODY OUGHTA' BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO US...
JUST DO ME A FAVOR AND MAKE SURE MY VAN GOES TO A GOOD HOME, OKAY?
TOASTER GUY
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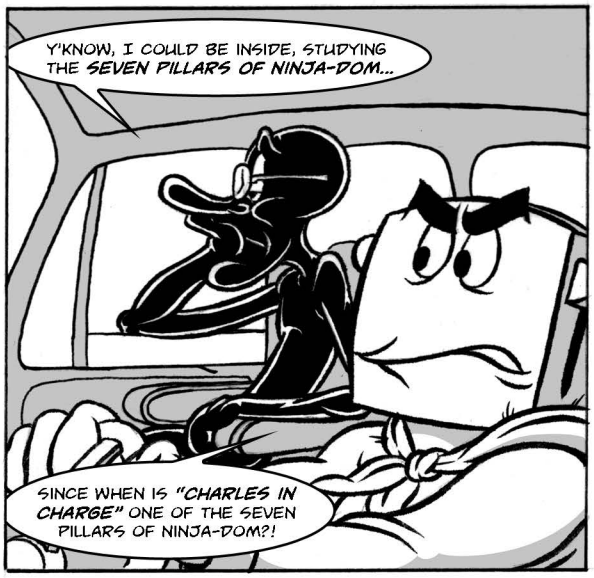
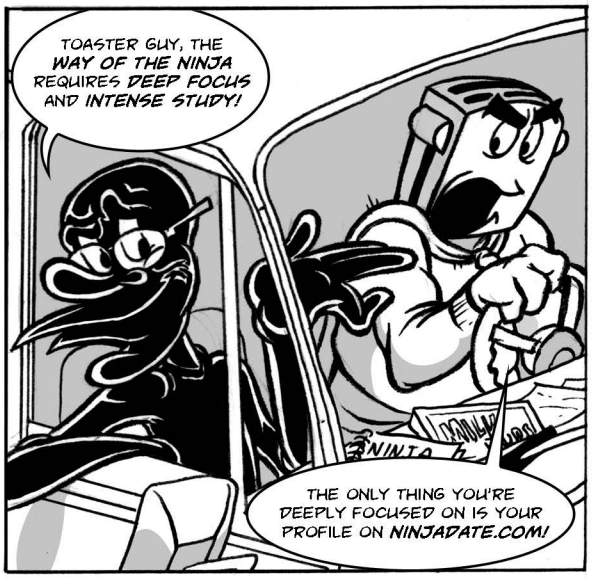
IT WAS JUST A COUPLE HOURS AGO, IN "REAL-TIME." WE WERE READY TO GET OUR INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY...
THIS VAN DON'T EXACTLY MEET NINJA LEAGUE CONVEYANCE SPECIFICATIONS!

HOW MANY AIRBAGS DOES THIS VAN HAVE?
I KNOW HOW MANY PAIN-IN-THE-ASS NINJAS IT HAS...!


Y'KNOW, I COULD BE INSIDE, STUDYING THE SEVEN PILLARS OF NINJA-DOM...
SINCE WHEN IS "CHARLES IN CHARGE" ONE OF THE SEVEN PILLARS OF NINJA-DOM?!


TOASTER GUY, THE WAY OF THE NINJA REQUIRES DEEP FOCUS AND INTENSE STUDY!
THE ONLY THING YOU'RE DEEPLY FOCUSED ON IS YOUR PROFILE ON NINJADATE.COM!

...IS IT JUST YOU, OR IS THERE SOME OTHER REASON IT SMELLS LIKE BURNT TOAST IN HERE?
I GUESS THIS FALLS FAR SHORT OF THE MAJESTY OF THE NINJA BICYCLE!

AT LEAST I DON'T HAFTA' WORRY ABOUT FUMES FROM THE NINJA CYCLE GIVIN' ME ASS CANCER!
OH, QUIET! THE FUMES GO AWAY ONCE THE ENGINE WARMS UP!

BUT IT'S BEEN WARMIN' UP FOR HALF AN HOUR!

MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN THESE LIBRARY BOOKS WE CAN USE...
GOODNIGHT MOON
FRANKLY, I FOUND MY RESEARCH MATERIAL TO BE RATHER REPETITIVE TOWARDS THE END.

OKAY, SO, ACCORDING TO THIS TREATISE ON CHRONITONS -
EXCUSE ME, BUT I PAY BETTER ATTENTION IN THIS POSITION.
ANYWAY...

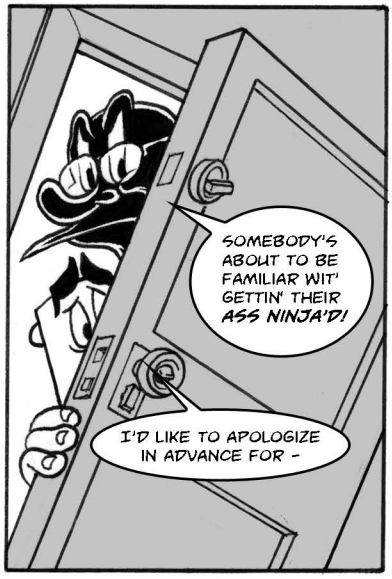
...THIS STATES THAT, THEORETICALLY, A BLACK HOLE (OR "SINGULARITY") COULD PROVIDE ENOUGH ENERGY TO OPEN A WORMHOLE THAT WOULD ALLOW ONE TO TRAVEL -
SNORT! ZZZZZZ...
BZAP!
BZZZAP!

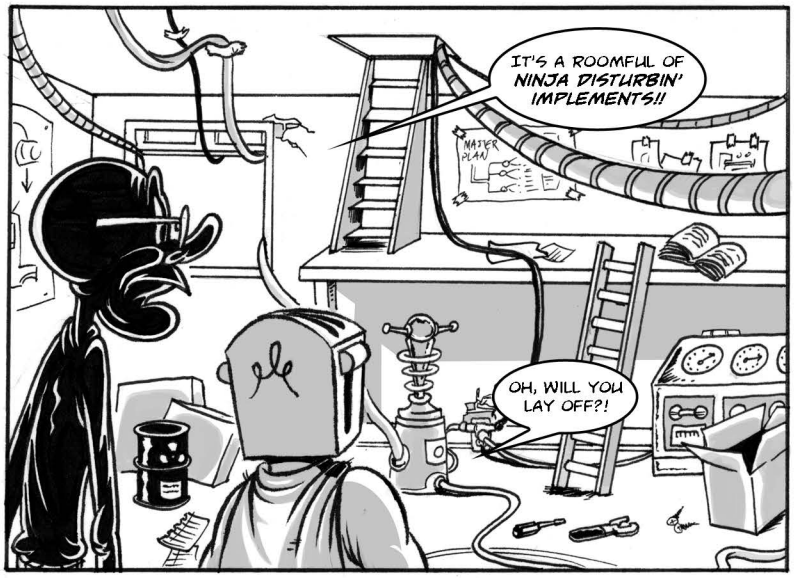
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT? CAN'TCHA SEE A NINJA IS TRYIN' TO SLEEP?!
IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD? IT'S PROBABLY THE POWER GRID!
BZZZAP!
IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMIN' FROM THE CRACK HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET!

I CAN THINK OF SIX NINJA GUIDELINES THAT THIS VIOLATES...
...ALL OF WHICH RELATE TO MY NAP!

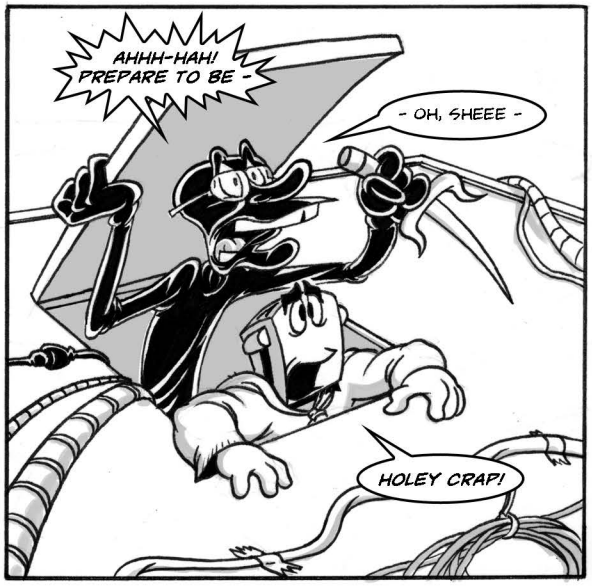
BZZZAP! BZAP! ZAP!
SOMEONE'S ABOUT TO BREATHE A SAI OF RELIEF!
NOW YOU'RE FOCUSED? NOW YOU'RE INTENSE?!

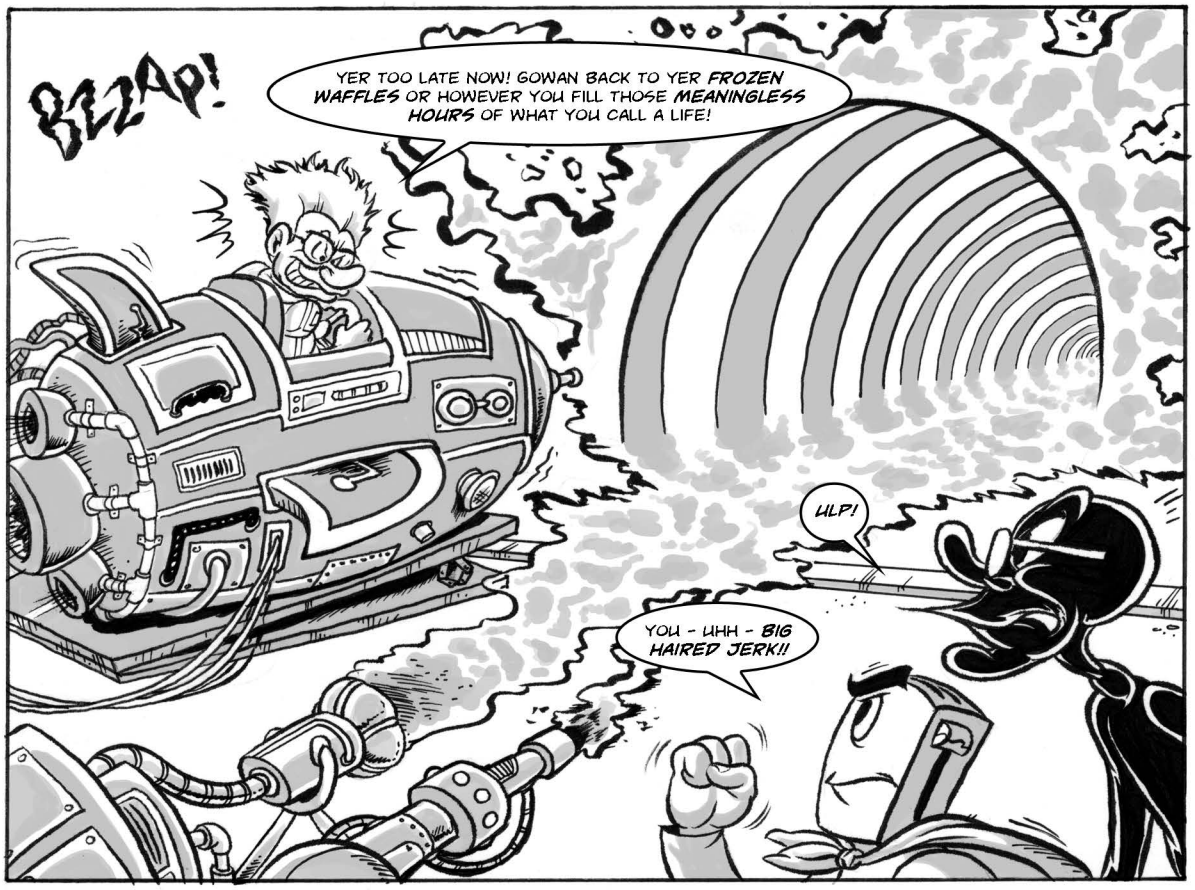
...THIS GUY APPEARS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH YOUR EXPLOITS!
KEEP OUT!
NINJAS EXPRESSL FORBIDD


SOMEBODY'S ABOUT TO BE FAMILIAR WIT' GETTIN' THEIR ASS NINJA'D!
I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE FOR -

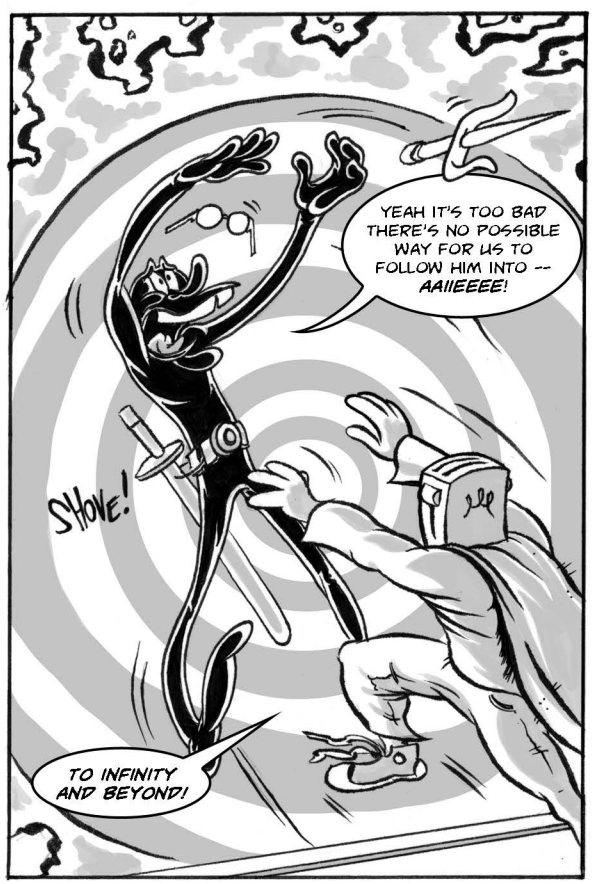

IT'S A ROOMFUL OF NINJA DISTURBIN' IMPLEMENTS!!
MASTER PLAN
OH, WILL YOU LAY OFF?!

Y'KNOW - THIS COULD BE THE GUY WE'RE AFTER!
CLUB MAD JEWELS
1000's CLOTHES
IT'S DEFINITELY THE GUY I'M AFTER!


AHHH-HAH! PREPARE TO BE -
- OH, SHEEE -
HOLEY CRAP!


BZZAP!
YER TOO LATE NOW! GOWAN BACK TO YER FROZEN WAFFLES OR HOWEVER YOU FILL THOSE MEANINGLESS HOURS OF WHAT YOU CALL A LIFE!
ULP!
YOU - UHH - BIG HAIRED JERK!!

WHOOOOOSH!!
NEVERMIND ABOUT THAT NAP! NO HARM DONE! LET'S GO! WHY ARE WE STILL STANDING HERE?!
THIS IS IT! COULD IT BE THE FATE OF THE EARTH HANGS IN THE BALANCE?! YES, IT COULD!


YEAH IT'S TOO BAD THERE'S NO POSSIBLE WAY FOR US TO FOLLOW HIM INTO -- AAIIEEEE!
SHOVE!
TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!

IN HINDSIGHT, THIS MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN THE BEST IDEA!
I'M TOO ATTRACTIVE TO DIE!!

I HOPE THAT'S YOUR NINJA SWORD I JUST LANDED ON -!
BZZAP!
THUD!
QUIT CRACKIN' JOKES AND GET YER FAT ASS OFF ME!

BASED ON THE ARCHITECTURE, WE APPEAR TO BE IN RENAISSANCE EUROPE! SEE HOW IT'S ALL "POINTY"?
BASED ON THE ARCHITECTURE, I DON'T GIVE A CRAP!

WE NEED TO FORMULATE A PLAN BASED ON THE LAYOUT OF THE CITY AND THE POTENTIAL HISTORIC -
OR WE MIGHT CHECK OUT THAT BUILDING WIT' THE ROCKETSHIP ON IT...

"LEONARDO DI VINCI!" OF COURSE!
WHADAYA MEAN, "OF COURSE?"
WORKSHOP
LE
LEONARDO
di VINCI
PLEASE LE KNOCK
(DOORBELL LE BROKE)
HISTORIC ARTIFACTS! THAT MUST BE WHAT HE'S AFTER!
SURE, WHY NOT?...

CUMON - THIS IS ONE HUNDRED AN' FORTY DOLLARS! CAPEESH?!
MAMA MIA! SHE'S-A NOT FOR SALE!

AHA! FOILED! LEAVE THAT MASTER PAINTER BE!
FANTASTIC! IT'S POP TART AND STRETCH ARMSTRONG!

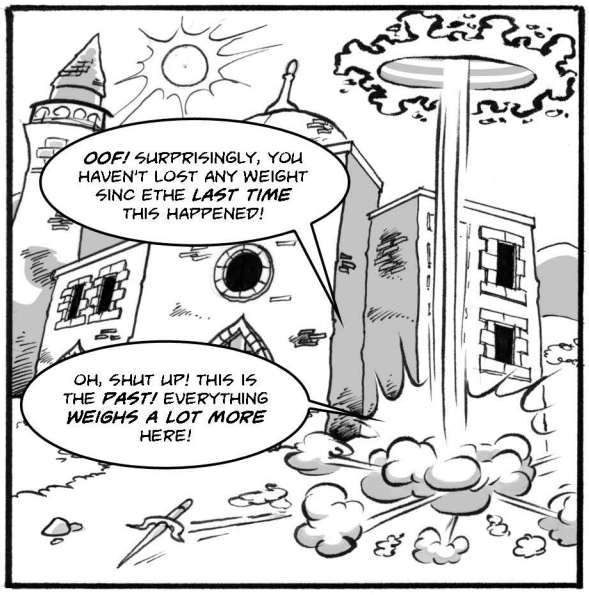
THIS-A GUY, HE WANNA BUY THE MONA LISA FOR A HUNDRED AND FORTY BUCKS!
AS YOUR AGENT, I ADVISE YOU TO TAKE THE DEAL! WE CAN KNOCK OUT A DOZEN MORE PAINTINGS OF UGLY ITALIAN CHICKS BY NEXT TUESDAY!

SCREW THIS!
THIS REPRESENTS MY FEE! THUS ENDS OUR PARTNERSHIP!

HUFF! HUFF! THEY BOTCHED THINGS THIS TIME, BUT GOOD!
LUCKILY I LEFT THE CHRONO SHUTTLE RUNNIN'!

WAIT - TAKE ME WITH YOU! SCREW THAT TOASTER HEADED - UHH -
WE GOTTA GO AFTER HIM - HURRY! THE PORTAL'S SHRINKING!

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?
A NINJA IS - UGH - ALWAYS PREPARED!
AIR SICKNESS


OOF! SURPRISINGLY, YOU HAVEN'T LOST ANY WEIGHT SINC ETHE LAST TIME THIS HAPPENED!
OH, SHUT UP! THIS IS THE PAST! EVERYTHING WEIGHS A LOT MORE HERE!

WHERE ARE WE? WHAT IS THAT, A TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP?
WELL, JUDGING BY THE ARCHITECTURE...

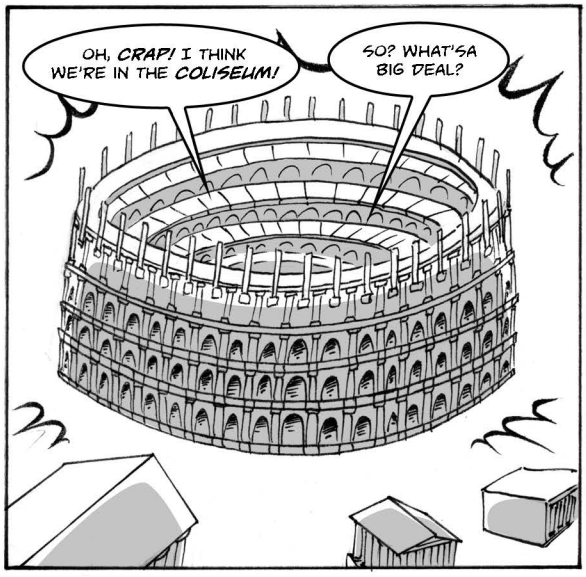
NOT THAT AGAIN!
WHEREVER WE ARE, IT'S HOT! I'M THIRSTY! AND I'M STARVING! AND AIN'T THERE ANY SHADE OUT HERE?!
HEY - SHUT UP A MINUTE!

MAYBE THOSE GUYS CAN GIVE US SOME IDEA OF WHERE WE ARE!
ARE YOU SURE THIS GUY SAID HE WAS A CARPENTER?
WELL, HERE'S HIS CARD... HE TOLD ME HE WANTED TO MAKE US "FISHERS OF MEN" BUT I TOLD HIM I DON'T SWING THAT WAY...

YOU GUYS ARE MISSIN' OUT! SOME HIPPIE BACK THERE IS HANDIN' OUT FREE LOAVES AND FISHES!
LOAVES 'N' FISHES! IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEBODY GAVE ME FREE FOOD!
SIGH... OBVIOUSLY WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE 'TIL YOUR APPETITE IS SATISFIED. CUMON...
WHAT IS THIS, A TENT? SOMEBODY'S LAWN? ARE THERE NO TABLES?!
LOOK - THAT GUY OVER THERE, WITH THE HALO AND THE FLOWING ROBES! IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS?!
DUNNO, BUT I DO RECOGNIZE THE GUY BEHIND HIM!
CUMON, BUDDY, KEEP PREACHIN'... ALL I NEED IS A COUPLE O' STRANDS...
DROP THE SCISSORS!
WHAT TH' - THIS IS STARTIN' TO GET MONOTONOUS!
SO LONG, SUCKERS!
HERE WE GO AGAIN! HOW 'ER WE SPOZED TO FOLLOW HIM THIS TIME?
DADGUMMIT - GO GET ME A CAMEL!!

YOU SEEM ESPECIALLY CALM!
ONE QUICKLY BECOMES ACCUSTOMED TO THE WARM SENSATION OF HAVING SOILED ONESELF!

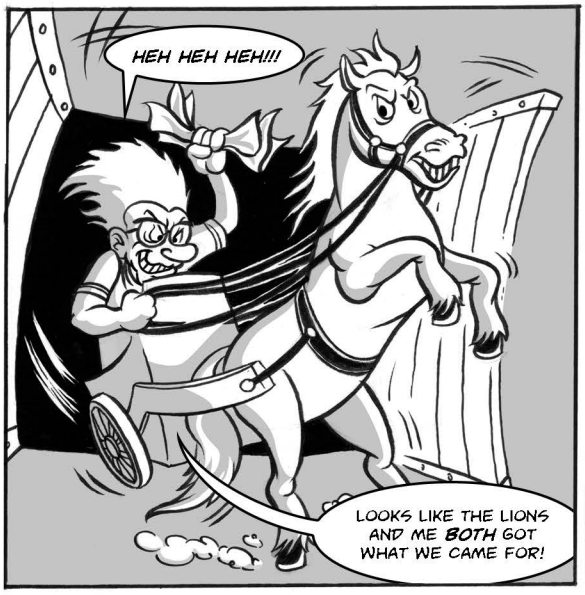
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE MORE "CUSHIONEY!"
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE LESS "BONEY!"
WHUMP!!


OH, CRAP! I THINK WE'RE IN THE COLISEUM!
SO? WHAT'SA BIG DEAL?

WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE - THEY FEED CHRISTIANS TO LIONS HERE!
SOUNDS MORE LIKE YOU ARE IN BIG TROUBLE! AH SALAAM ALAIKUM!

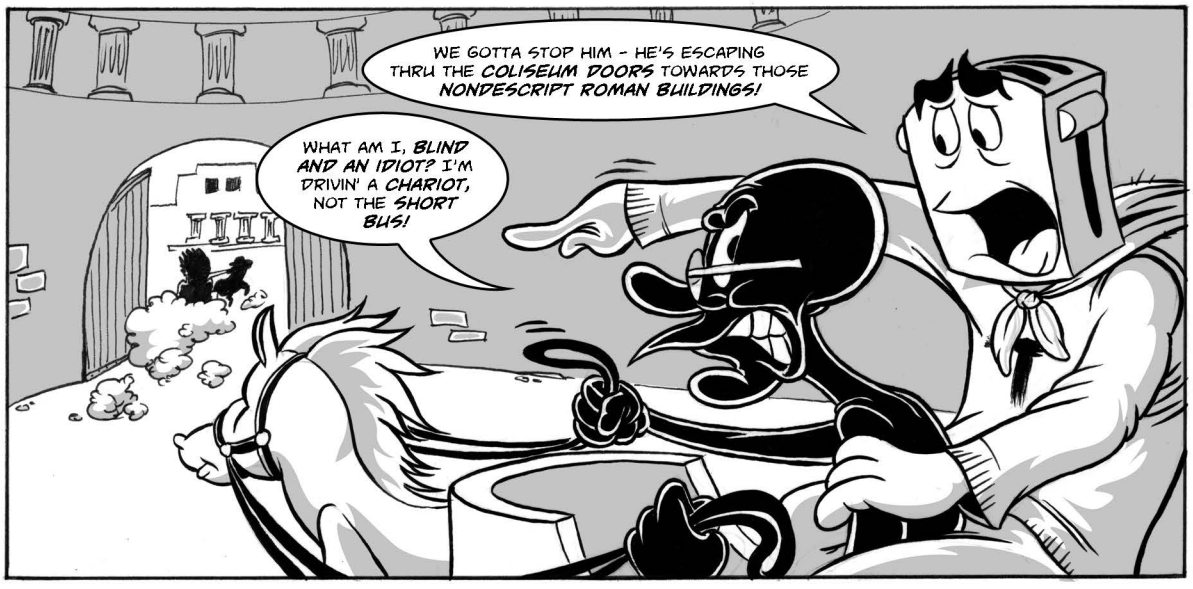
GO AFTER THE GUY IN THE CAPE - HE'S LIKE A FATTENED SWINE!

"LIKE A FATTENED --" WHAT?!
TORO! TORO!
ROAR! GROWL! ETC!


HEH HEH HEH!!!
LOOKS LIKE THE LIONS AND ME BOTH GOT WHAT WE CAME FOR!

UGH! LEGGO!
WHY COULDN'T THE ANCIENT ROMANS FEED CHRISTIANS TO BUNNY RABBITS?!

YOINK!
WHERE'D YOU GET A CHARIOT?!
SPQR
WHETHER OR NOT I STOLE SOMEONE'S HORSE AND CHARIOT IS IRRELEVANT! IF YOU GOT ISSUES WIT' "STEALING," WE NEED TO DISCUSS THE TV, THE COUCH, AND MOST OF THE STUFF IN THE REFRIGERATOR!


WE GOTTA STOP HIM - HE'S ESCAPING THRU THE COLISEUM DOORS TOWARDS THOSE NONDESCRIPT ROMAN BUILDINGS!
WHAT AM I, BLIND AND AN IDIOT? I'M DRIVIN' A CHARIOT, NOT THE SHORT BUS!

D'YOU SEE HIM ANYWHERE? ALL I SEE ARE MILES AND MILES OF POORLY-DRAWN COLUMNS!
EHH - I DON'T THINK - WAIT! I SEE SOMETHIN'!

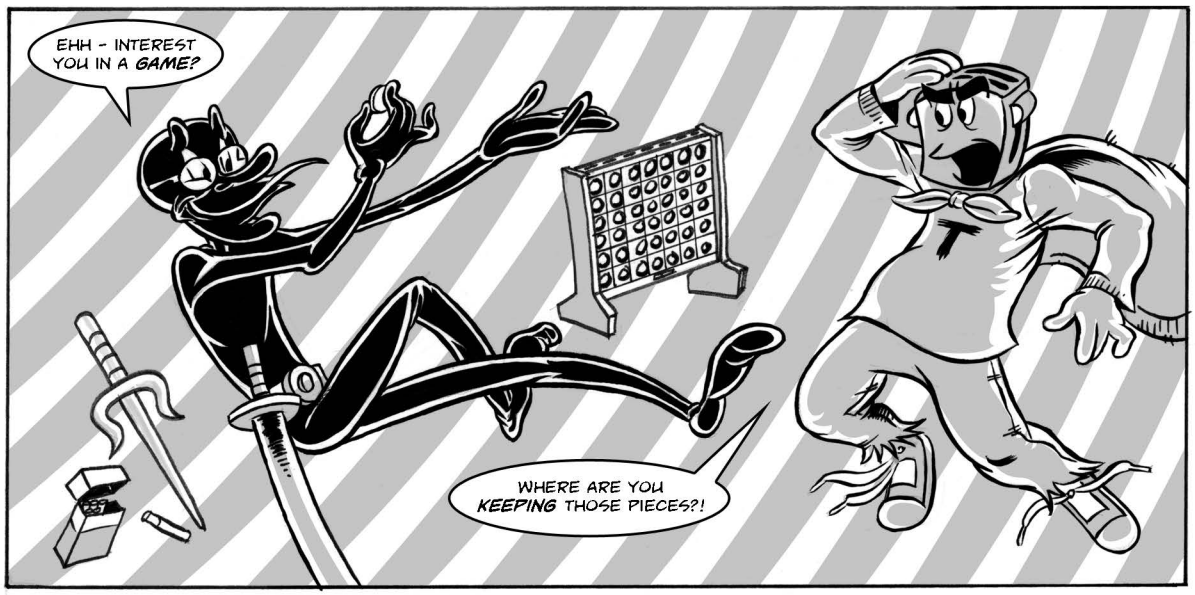
IS IT STOPWATCH? IS IT THE CHRONO SHUTTLE? IS IT A WORMHOLE THRU THE VERY FABRIC OF SPACE-TIME?!
BETTER!

...IT'S A SAUSAGE AND TOGA STAND! WHADAYA WANT, SAUSAGE? TOGA?
...ALSO I NEED TEN BUCKS!

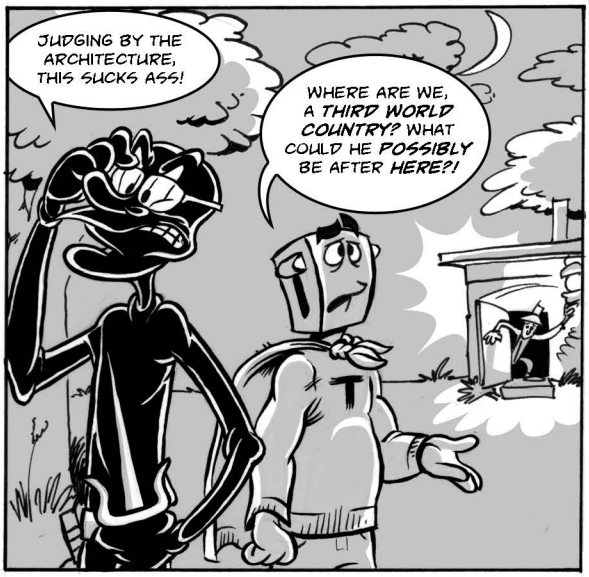
FORGET IT! IT'S HOPELESS! I'VE FAILED YET AGAIN!
EHH - T.G. -
JUST CARRY ME BACK THERE AND FEED ME TO THE LIONS!
'SCUZE ME, TOASTER GUY -
LET'S JUST FIND A NICE, COZY CORNER I CAN CURL UP IN AND DIE!

HEY! FATSO! BUTTERBALL! OVERWEIGHT TOASTER-HEADED -
WHAT?!

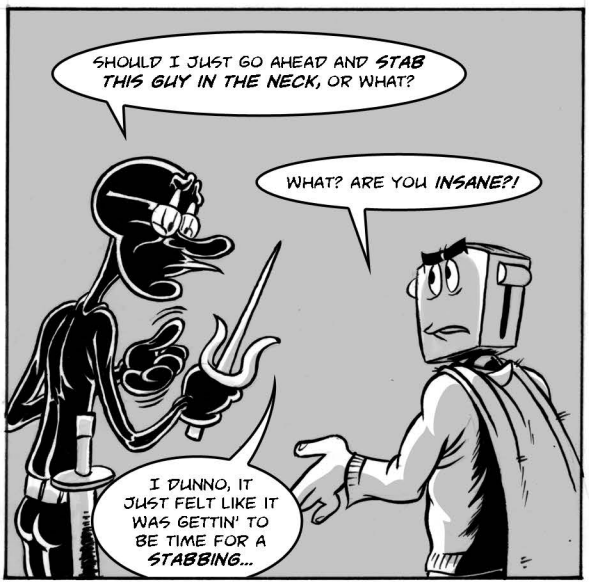
IF YOU'D QUIT SOLILOQUIZIN' FOR TWO SECONDS - LOOK!
HUH?
IS THAT THE CHRONO SHUTTLE?!
I THINK IT'S AN ANCIENT ROMAN SEAGULL, TOASTER GUY...
HEY, WHY DON'TCHA SAY "CHRONO SHUTTLE" ONE MORE TIME?
SO CLOSE, BUT YET SO FAR! IF ONLY WE HAD, I DON'T KNOW, SOME SORT OF "LADDER-LIKE" OBJECT!
EHH...
...DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT I THINK I FOUND A "LADDER-LIKE" OBJECT
CUMON! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!
GEE, I THOUGHT I'D JUST HANG AROUND HERE, IN THE HOT, UNCLEAN PAST!


EHH - INTEREST YOU IN A GAME?
WHERE ARE YOU KEEPING THOSE PIECES?!

THIS IS REALLY STARTING TO GET OLD!
DIS GOT OLD TWELVE PAGES AGO!

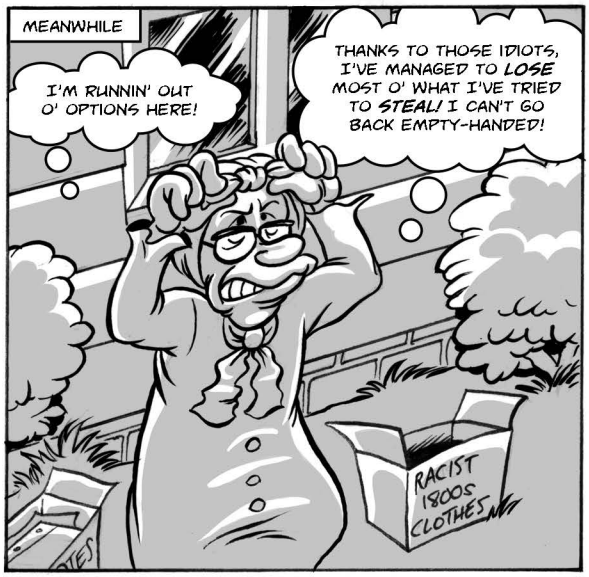

JUDGING BY THE ARCHITECTURE, THIS SUCKS ASS!
WHERE ARE WE, A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY? WHAT COULD HE POSSIBLY BE AFTER HERE?!

YA'LL MUSTA' GOT LOST! NEXT STAGE IS 'BOUT T' PULL OUT! FOLLOW ME! HURRY, AN' BE QUIET!


SHOULD I JUST GO AHEAD AND STAB THIS GUY IN THE NECK, OR WHAT?
WHAT? ARE YOU INSANE?!
I DUNNO, IT JUST FELT LIKE IT WAS GETTIN' TO BE TIME FOR A STABBING...

YOU GUYS TRAVELIN' TOGETHER?
WE SHO' IS! THIS IS MAH ACQUAINTANCE - UHH - FREDERICK DOUGLASS!
WHAT?!
MIND TELLIN' US WHERE WE'RE HEADED?

WE'RE ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, HEADED T' FREEDOM!
ESCAPIN' AN OPPRESSIVE LANDLORD! SOLIDARITY, MY BROTHA'!
...I GOTTA GET ANOTHER ROOMMATE.


MEANWHILE
I'M RUNNIN' OUT O' OPTIONS HERE!
THANKS TO THOSE IDIOTS, I'VE MANAGED TO LOSE MOST O' WHAT I'VE TRIED TO STEAL! I CAN'T GO BACK EMPTY-HANDED!
RACIST 1800S CLOTHES

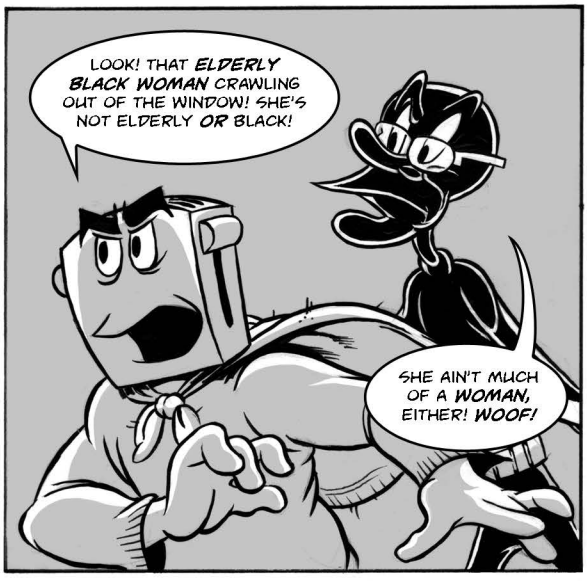
WHAT AM I HERE FOR? WHERE AM I?
WHY AM I DRESSED AS AUNT JEMIMA?! WHERE ARE MY NOTES?! WAIT - HERE! "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN!"
NOTES

SON OF A - THEM AGAIN! WHT CAN'T I SHAKE THESE IDIOTS? WHY DID MY "TIME TRAVEL KIT" NOT INCLUDE A GUN OR SOMETHIN'?
I NEED TO DITCH THESE TWO, BUT FAST!

...I DIDN'T BUILD THE CHRONO SHUTTLE FOR ALL THIS FAST-PACED JUMPIN' AROUND - IT NEEDS TO COOL DOWN, BEFORE TH' ENGINE OVERHEATS AND THE CHRONITON GENERATOR MALFUNCTIONS!
TIME TO GRAB WHAT I CAME FOR - THEN TO STRAND THOSE MORONS SOMEPLACE WHERE THE ONLY THING LEFT WILL BE A SET OF FOSSILIZED BUCK TEETH AND A PETRIFIED TOASTER!

DON'T STOP! BELIEVIN'! HOLD ON TO THAT FEELIN'!
I DON'T RECALL JOURNEY SINGING TOO MANY NEGRO SPIRITUALS...

LOOK! I'D BET MY LAST POP TART OUR GUY IS AFTER SOMETHIN' IN THAT HOUSE!
ER - YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO HAVE THAT POP TART ON YOU, DO YA?
HARRIET BEECHER STOWE HOUSE
escaped slaves: use rear entrance
law enforcement: there are no escaped slaves here


LOOK! THAT ELDERLY BLACK WOMAN CRAWLING OUT OF THE WINDOW! SHE'S NOT ELDERLY OR BLACK!
SHE AIN'T MUCH OF A WOMAN, EITHER! WOOF!

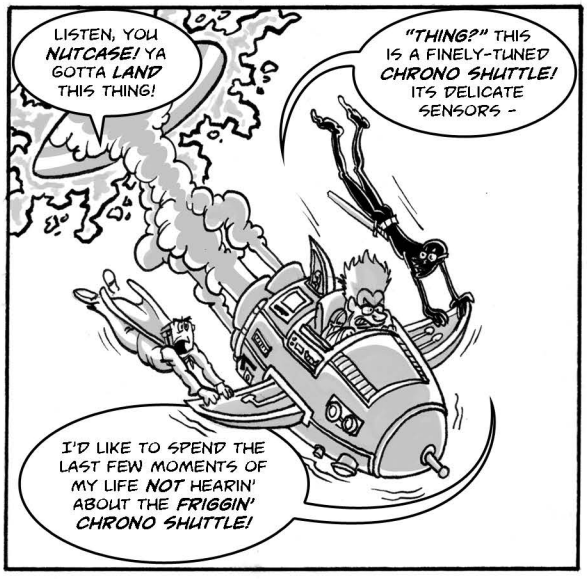
BLAST! I BEEN SPOTTED! THE JIG IS UP!

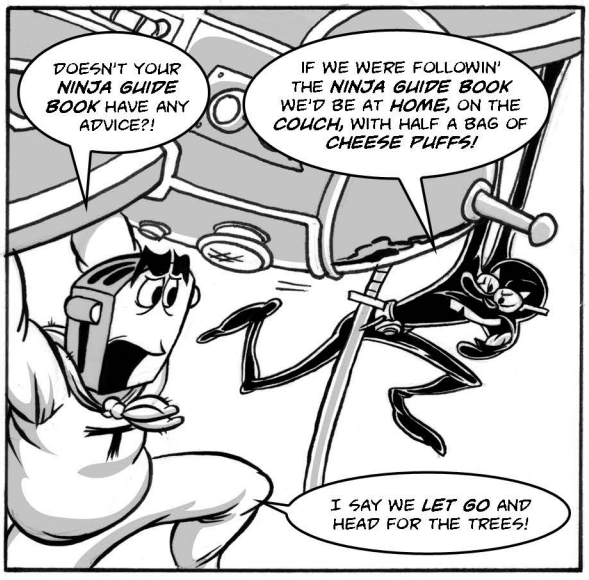
COME BACK HERE!
SERIOUSLY?! WHAT KIND OF A STUPID DEMAND IS THAT?!

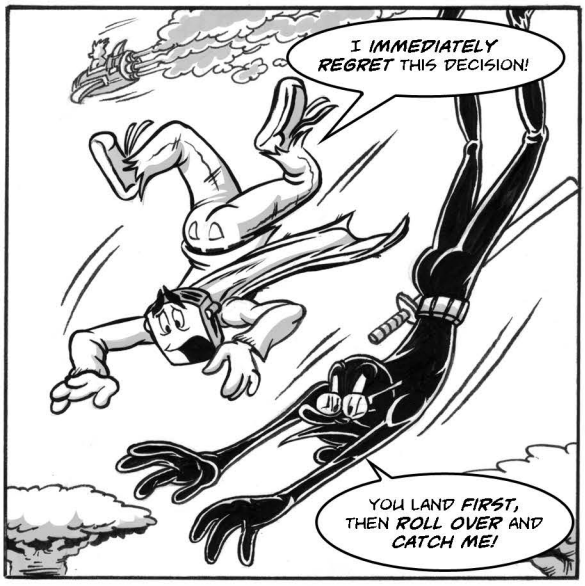
CUMON! GRAB A WING!
YOU ARE WAY TOO INTO THIS!

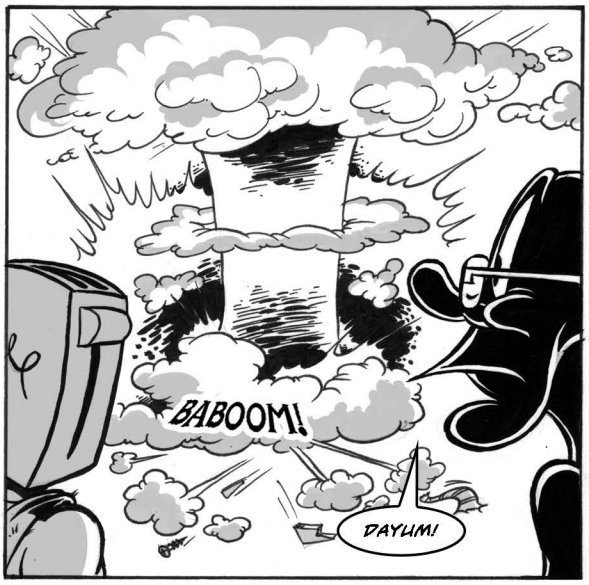
OKAY, "GRAB A WING" WAS AS FAR AS I THOUGHT THIS THROUGH! WHAT ABOUT YOU, ANY IDEAS? MARVELOUS? MARVELOUS?!

WHAT UP, GURL? WHEN I GET BACK FROM THIS "TIME THANG" HOW 'BOUT YOU, ME, A SACK O' TACOS, AND A CASE O' BEERS?
P.S. YOU BRING THE TACOS AND BEERS!


LISTEN, YOU NUTCASE! YA GOTTA LAND THIS THING!
"THING?" THIS IS A FINELY-TUNED CHRONO SHUTTLE! ITS DELICATE SENSORS -
I'D LIKE TO SPEND THE LAST FEW MOMENTS OF MY LIFE NOT HEARIN' ABOUT THE FRIGGIN' CHRONO SHUTTLE!


DOESN'T YOUR NINJA GUIDE BOOK HAVE ANY ADVICE?!
IF WE WERE FOLLOWIN' THE NINJA GUIDE BOOK WE'D BE AT HOME, ON THE COUCH, WITH HALF A BAG OF CHEESE PUFFS!
I SAY WE LET GO AND HEAD FOR THE TREES!

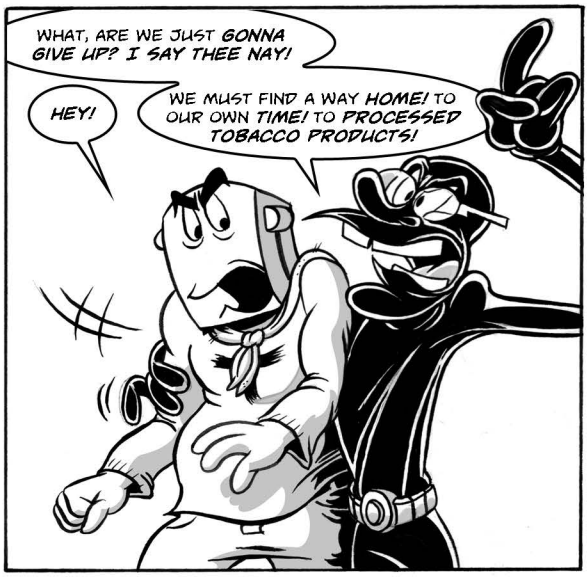

I IMMEDIATELY REGRET THIS DECISION!
YOU LAND FIRST, THEN ROLL OVER AND CATCH ME!


BABOOM!
DAYUM!

OH, NO! THAT'S IT! WE'RE SCREWED! STOPWATCH IS DEAD AND GONE AND WE'RE STUCK! TOASTER GUY DOES IT AGAIN!
EH, WHADAYA GONNA DO! EASY COME, EASY GO! WIN SOME, LOSE SOME! ET CETERA!

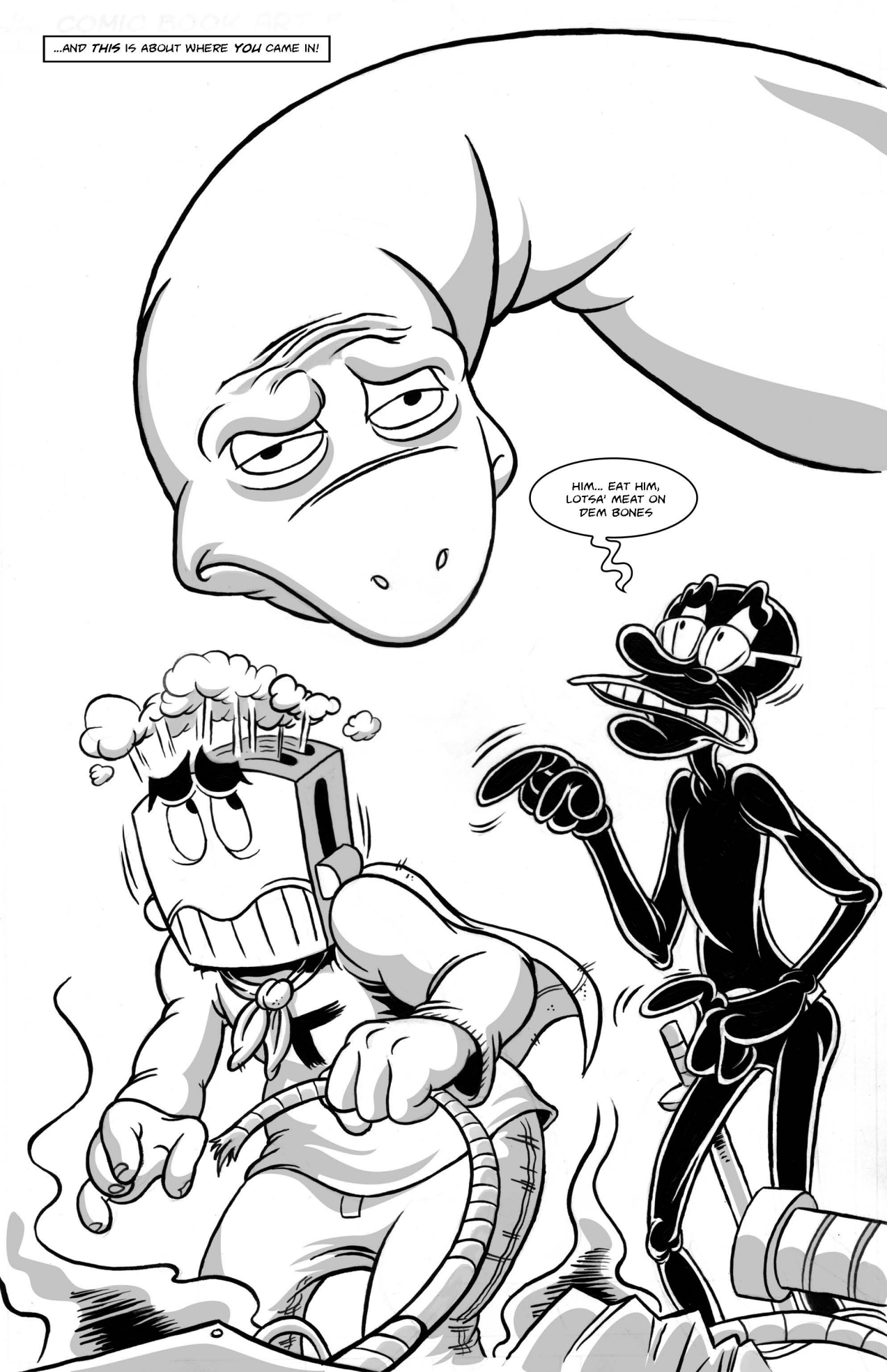
KEEP IT TOGETHER, T.G. ...STAY CALM!
WHAT'SA BIG DEAL! WE'LL SET UP CAMP, CATCH US A COUPLE O' SMALL ANIMALS, HAVE YOU CLEAN AND COOK THOSE ANIMALS...

YOU'RE RIGHT! WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK! SO WE'RE STRANDED! IF THIS IS THE LIFE WE'RE CURSED TO LEAD THEN SO BE IT! WE'LL SOLDIER ON, LIKE, UHH... SOLDIERS!
YUH - WHUH -


WHAT, ARE WE JUST GONNA GIVE UP? I SAY THEE NAY!
HEY!
WE MUST FIND A WAY HOME! TO OUR OWN TIME! TO PROCESSED TOBACCO PRODUCTS!

TO THE CRASH SITE!
AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT RADIATION EXPOSURE?
THERE YOU GO AGAIN! "RADIATION" THIS! "CANCER" THAT!

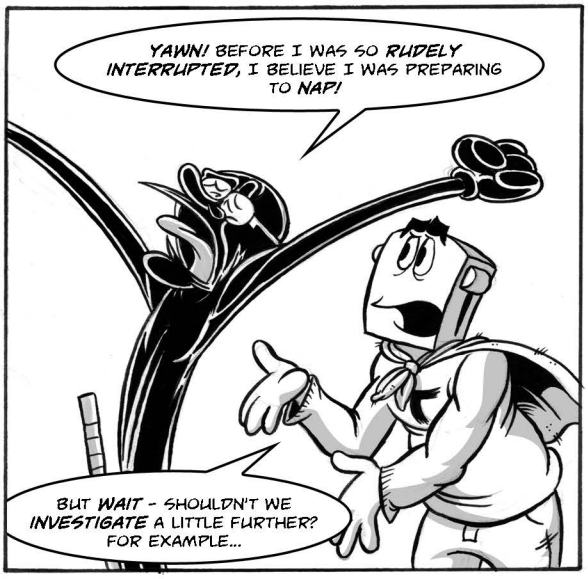
LOOK AT THIS MESS!
YOU SMELL THAT? IT'S LIKE THAT DEAD IGUANA WE FOUND IN YOUR VAN...


...AND THIS IS ABOUT WHERE YOU CAME IN!
HIM... EAT HIM, LOTSA' MEAT ON DEM BONES

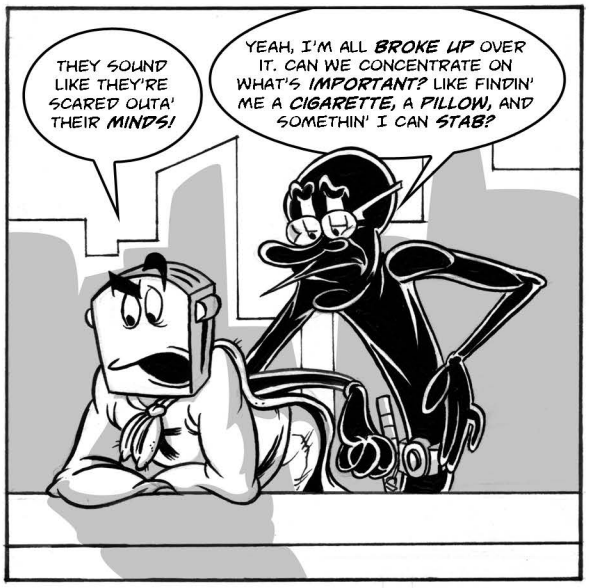
OUTA' MY WAY, JACKASS!
YOU STUPID NINJA! GET YOUR HAND OFF ME!
IF ONE OF US IS BOUND FOR DEATH, IT AIN'T ME, BUTTERBALL!
LOOK! THRU THERE - HURRY! MAYBE IT LEADS HOME!
AS LONG AS IT DON'T LOOK LIKE A RABID DINOSAUR, I'LL TAKE IT!
Y'KNOW, YOU GETMORE COWARDLY THE FURTHER ALONG WE GO!
HEY! WHAT YOU CALL "COWARDLY" I CALL "A REASONABLE RESPONSE TO THREATS AGAINST MY PERSON!"

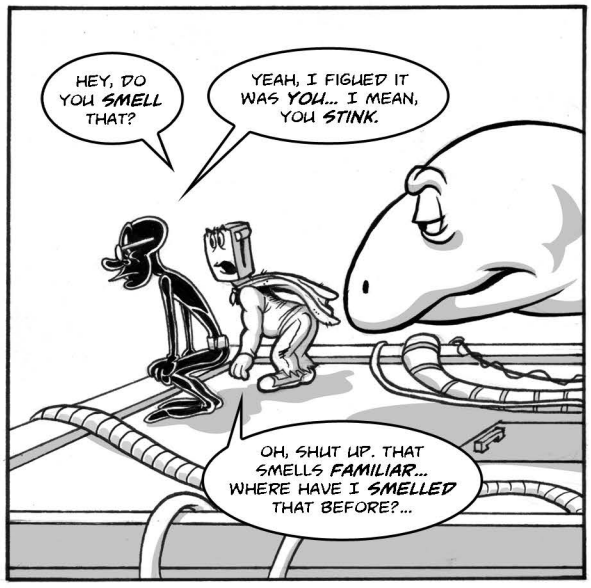
OOF!
@#$*!!
THUD!

AMAZIN' HOW WE NEVER LANDED IN A FAT CHICK CONTEST OR A PILE O' KITTENS OR SOMETHIN'!
THE PORTAL'S GONE! WELL, WE'RE HOME, ANYWAY!


YAWN! BEFORE I WAS SO RUDELY INTERRUPTED, I BELIEVE I WAS PREPARING TO NAP!
BUT WAIT - SHOULDN'T WE INVESTIGATE A LITTLE FURTHER? FOR EXAMPLE...

...THAT SCREAMING, TERRIFIED MOB DOWN THERE - WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
WHO CARES? THEY ARE DOWN THERE, TOASTER GUY! I AM UP HERE!
WE'RE DOOMED!
AAIIIEEEE
OH GOD!


THEY SOUND LIKE THEY'RE SCARED OUTA' THEIR MINDS!
YEAH, I'M ALL BROKE UP OVER IT. CAN WE CONCENTRATE ON WHAT'S IMPORTANT? LIKE FINDIN' ME A CIGARETTE, A PILLOW, AND SOMETHIN' I CAN STAB?


HEY, DO YOU SMELL THAT?
YEAH, I FIGUED IT WAS YOU... I MEAN, YOU STINK.
OH, SHUT UP. THAT SMELLS FAMILIAR... WHERE HAVE I SMELLED THAT BEFORE?...

YOU SEE? THIS IS WHY WE CAN'T JUST "LET STUFF GO" 'N' PASS OUT IN FRONT OF THE TEEVEE!
EHH - THIS IS EXACTLY WHY WE SHOULD JUST LET STUFF GO 'N' PASS OUT IN FRONT OF THE TEEVEE!
WELL? ANY NINJA GUIDANCE?
...NATURALLY!
BETTER HURRY, CHUBBY! THE NINJA CYCLE AIN'T A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO!
UNLESS YOU GOT A CAN OF NINJA FIX-A-FLAT, YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET VERY FAR!
AHH-HAH! I KNEW THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA HAD A HAND IN THIS!
MISTER CHIEF, SIR! IT'S AN HONOR AND A
CRAM IT! GET YOUR NARROW, SHIFTLESS, GAP-TOOTHED ASS OUT THERE AND FIX THIS!
B-BUT -
PREHISTORIC MONSTERS ARE YOUR JURISDICTION!
B-BUT I'M - SPUTTER -!
OH, GREAT NINJA IN THE SKY, PROTECT ME -!
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF A GIANT DINOSAUR...

HE DID IT!
HE SUCCESSFULLY SOLVED A PROBLEM HE CREATED IN THE FIRST PLACE!
IT'S TIME FOR DINOSAUR BARBECUE! SOMEONE GRAB A CHAINSAW AND SIX HUNDRED POUNDS OF CHARCOAL!
KEEP OUT!
THE NINJA'S A HERO!
CAREFUL, LADIES! HANDS AWAY FROM THE "VALUABLES!" THE HOUSE IS RIGHT OVER THAT WAY! JUST PUT ME ON THE COUCH! ANYBODY GOT A LIGHT?!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED DEFIED THE LAWS OF NATURE AND HUMANITY!
WHO ARE WE TO QUESTION THE WAYS OF THE NINJA?!

...AND SO, THERE WAS A PRESS CONFERENCE...
...AND AS WE HONOR THESE MEN, WE ALSO DROP THE MAJORITY OF CHARGES AGAINST THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA....
WE WERE IN THE PAPER....
CITY HERALD
Ninja somewhat less incompetent than previous thought
Also Toaster Guy present
THEY EVEN PUT US ON TEEVEE!
VHS
MASTER NINJA AND HIS APPARENT DOMESTIC PARTNER, TOAST MAN...
4 NEWS NOW
EHH, DAT'S M-A-S-T-E-R... 'M' AS IN 'MARVELOUS,' 'A' AS IN 'AWESOME'...
FINALLY, IT FELT LIKE THIS WAS GOING SOMEWHERE! MAYBE I WASN'T TOTALLY WASHED UP AFTER ALL!
CHEEZE DOODLES
SO, NOW WHAT?
NOW, MY ROLY-POLY, TOASTER-HEADED FRIEND, WE SIT BACK, ENJOY THE ADULATION OF THOUSANDS, BASK IN MY GLORY (AND YOUR OWN, FAR LESS GLORIOUS GLORY), AND WAIT FOR THE PHONE TO QUACK!
CHEEZE DOODLES

NEXT ISSUE – WHAT'S NEXT FOR OUR HEROES? FIGHTING A MENAGERIE OF MACABRE MONSTERS AND VILLAINS? EATING ALL MANNER OF JUNK FOOD? SMOKIN' CIGARETTES, KICKIN' ASS AND TAKING NAMES? MORE ***COUCH SITTING*** AND ***PHONE QUACKING*** EXCITEMENT NEXT ISSUE WITH THE INEXPLICABLE TOASTER GUY AND THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA!

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YOU SURE THIS IS A LEGITIMATE WEIGHT LOSS REGIMEN?!
WHO'S THE NINJA HERE, BUTTERBALL?
NINJA TRAININ' PIT—
IN THIS ISSUE:
A DAY IN THE LIFE!

MISERY ACQUAINTS A MAN WITH STRANGE BEDFELLOWS - SO SAYS SHAKESPEARE! AND ONLY MISERY - THE SPECIFIC MISERY BORNE OF HAVING A TOASTER IN PLACE OF ONE'S HEAD - COULD LEAD ONE TO ACQUAINT ONESELF WITH A NEARSIGHTED NINJA, AND TO ENGAGE IN AN ALL-OUT WAR ON CRIME, IN ALL ITS MACABRE FORMS!
BUT WHY? HOW? AND WHEN WILL THEY BE ARRESTED, OR COMMITTED OR SOMETHING?
BOOM!
JOIN US FOR A PEEK INSIDE...
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A DINER
WELL? WE ROLLIN'?
...GET MY GOOD SIDE.

SO TELL US ABOUT THE MASTER NINJA.
...MARVELOUS.
I'M SORRY?
MARVELOUS. THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA.
...
ANYWAY, I TOOK UP THE MYSTIC ART OF NINJUTSU AFTER CAREERS IN JANITORIAL ENGINEERING, DOG WALKING, AND FOODSERVICE FAILED T' STIMULATE ME...

ONCE TOASTER GUY LEFT TOWN, HE ASKED ME TO MOVE INTO HIS PLACE, AS A PERSONAL FAVOR...
WE HAVE OUR ISSUES BECAUSE, FRANKLY, HE'S A JERK, AND HE'S STUBBORN AND I DON'T LIKE HIM.

...Y'KNOW, I'M RIGHT HERE.
HM.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, TOASTER GUY? WHY'D YOU COME BACK? HOW'D YOU GET INTO THIS?
SIGH...
OH, I DUNNO...

THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I EXPECTED TO BE DOING AT THIS POINT IN LIFE...
OH CRAP, NOW YA' DONE IT. HERE WE GO...

SEEMS LIKE A LIFETIME AGO I WAS STILL CONVINCED STARDOM WAS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER...
CHECK IT OUT - MY GLOSSIES JUST CAME IN! I'M GONNA HAND 'EM OUT AT THE NEXT GIG!
WELL?!
UHH...
WHAT'S WITH THE WIG, MAN?
OH, THAT'S FOR MY "STAGE PERSONA!"
LOVE YA! -TG
FLY INTO THE DANGER ZONE WITH LOGG JAM
WHAT IS THIS, A DEAD SQUIRREL DIPPED IN SHOE POLISH?!
...AND YOU KNOW ALL THEM KENNY LOGGINS SONGS I'VE BEEN LEARNIN'? LISTEN TO THIS --
-- I FIGURED OUR NEW "THING" COULD BE A LOGGINS COVER BAND! I HAD A BANNER MADE AND EVERYTHING!
YOU FIGURED?!
LISTEN, YOU TOASTER-HEADED GLORIFIED ROADIE!
I PUT THIS GROUP TOGETHER! I CALL THE SHOTS! I AM THE MARKETING GURU!
-- AND I SAY THIS IS A RANDY AND THE RAINBOWS COVER BAND, AND YOU ARE A RHYTHM GUITARIST!
BUT -
NOW SHUT UP, PLUG IN, AND GO PRACTICE "DENISE DENISE!"
RODNEY AND
...AND I SWORE I'D NEVER AGAIN PLAY SECOND FIDDLE TO SOME JACKASS.
THAT'S THE NINJA BEEPER! CUMON, SIDEKICK!

MOMENTS LATER, IN THE TOASTER VAN...
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POINT OF THE FILM CREW!
IT'S MARKETING, MY FRIEND! I THINK THAT INTERVIEWER CHICK DIGS MY NINJA VIBE! MAYBE LATER SHE'LL HELP ME POLISH MY KATANA! WINK WINK, EH, T.G.?!
OKAY, LESSEE - TAKE A LEFT UP HERE, THEN THE FIRST RIGHT!
WHAT?! HOW DO YOU - ULP!
THERE HE IS!
OH, CRAP!
GROWL! SNARL!
SPYKE
THACKER RD
BARK! WOOF! WHO DARES TO FACE MY RABID BITE?!
GUESS WE BETTER ROLL UP A GIANT NEWSPAPER!
I SAY WE REENACT "OL' YELLER!"

SHOOT 'IM! SHOOT 'IM!!
GROWL! SNARL!
GRR... WOOF!
I THOUGHT NINJAS ABHORRED THE USE OF GUNS!
I DON'T CARE WHAT KINDA' WHORE YOU THINK I AM, JUST SHOOT!
HERE GOES...
CHEW ON THIS MILKBONE, YOU OVERSIZED POMERANIAN!
OH, BROTHER...
SNORT!
SPANNG!
WHY WOULD YOU AIM AT THE ONE PIECE OF METAL HE'S WEARIN'?!
WELL, IT WAS THE EASIEST THING TO HIT!
WOOF! WOOF! FLEE, PUNY HUMANS, LIKE FRIGHTENED KITTIES BEFORE THE MIGHT OF SPYKE!
NICE GOIN'! OUTA' MY WAY!
SPYKE
DOWN, BOY! SIT! HEEL!

HUFF! PANT! WHAT NOW?!
THERE ARE ALWAYS TWO OPTIONS, TOASTER GUY - YOU KILL 'EM OR YOU RUN AWAY! ...ACTUALLY I GUESS KILLIN' 'EM AND RUNNIN' AWAY COUNTS AS A POSSIBLE THIRD OPTION...

WHAT ABOUT THE NINJA KNAPSACK? LESSEE... CIGARETTES, BEER... WHAT IS THIS, A MOON PIE?!
MOON PIE
I NEED THAT FOR MY, UH, NINJA... RELATED... ACTIVITIES!

WHAT THE - FIREWORKS?!
LIKE I SAID, NINJA RELATED! I REFUSE TO APOLOGIZE FER MY LIFESTYLE!
WAIT - I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
FIND ME A GARBAGE CAN, A GRILL LID AND SOME RED SPRAY PAINT!

SHORTLY
THIS CAN'T MISS! GET READY TO LIGHT THAT FUSE! LUCKY YOU HAD ALL THAT STUFF HANDY!
EHH... YEAH! LUCK!

LOOK - THERE HE IS! NOW! DO IT! QUICK, BEFORE HE MARKS HIS TERRITORY!
SNIFF... SNIFF! GROWL!

HOLEY CRAP! THERE'S MUCH LESS OF HIM LEFT THAN I IMAGINED THERE'D BE - AND THAT BOX OF KITTENS!
BABOOM!!
...EHH...
...THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A COUPLE'A STICKS O' DYNAMITE MIXED IN THERE.

...LATER, AT AN ALTERATIONS SHOP OF QUESTIONABLE REPUTE
...SO I FIGURED IF THE CHUBBY COUNTERTOP APPLIANCE OVER HERE IS GONNA CONTINUE TO SERVE AS MY WINGMAN, HE NEEDS T' LOOK THE PART!

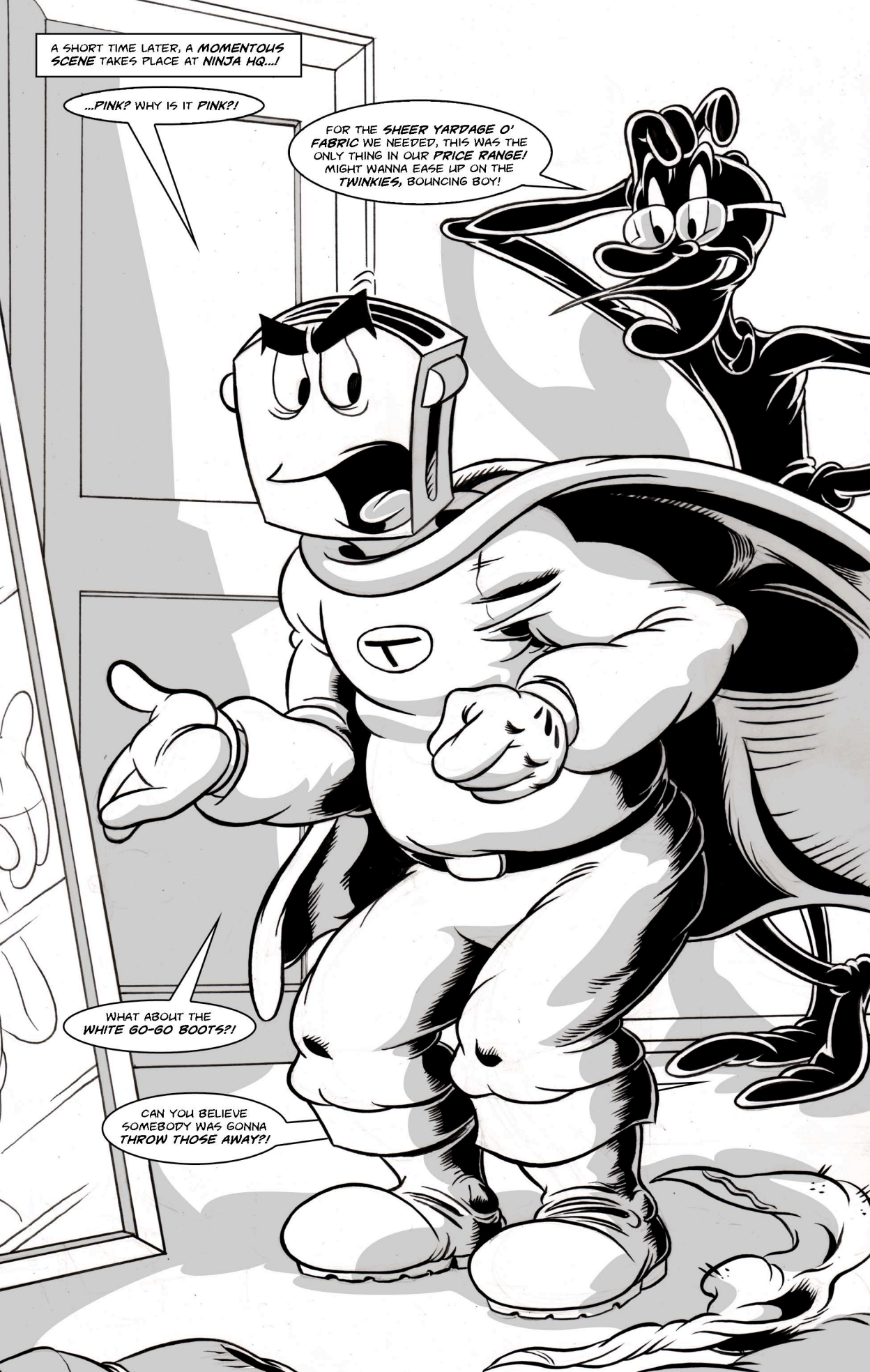
...I GAVE MY SEAMSTRESS A COUPLE IDEAS AND TOLD HER T' GO NUTS!
(WITHIN REASON, MONETARILY SPEAKIN'.)

...AND HERE SHE IS!
"OLD HO" HERE IS THE ONLY SEAMSTRESS I TRUST!
I TELL YOU, THIRTY TIMES, MY NAME STEPHANIE!

ANTA NO KOTO DAIKIRAI!
SUZUKI! MITSUBISHI!
DETEIKE!!

WHY DO I KEEP COMING BACK HERE?! I SHOULD GET THE OLD CHINESE GUY DOWN THE BLOCK -
YOU GET OUT NOW!
NINJA ORDER

...Y'KNOW, I'M NOT SURE BUT SHE MIGHT BE MY GRANDMOTHER.
IS ANY PART OF YOU EVEN JAPANESE?!
EITHER WAY, YOU OWE HER THIRTY-FIVE BUCKS!
CASH ONLY


A SHORT TIME LATER, A MOMENTOUS SCENE TAKES PLACE AT NINJA HQ...!
...PINK? WHY IS IT PINK?!
FOR THE SHEER YARDAGE O' FABRIC WE NEEDED, THIS WAS THE ONLY THING IN OUR PRICE RANGE! MIGHT WANNA EASE UP ON THE TWINKIES, BOUNCING BOY!
WHAT ABOUT THE WHITE GO-GO BOOTS?!
CAN YOU BELIEVE SOMEBODY WAS GONNA THROW THOSE AWAY?!

THIS LOOKS AWFUL - AND WHY DOES IT STINK?!
...MAYBE I "BOUGHT" THE FABRIC. MAYBE I "FOUND" THE FABRIC. MAYBE I "DUG UP A DEAD GUY AND UNWRAPPED HIS BURIAL SHROUD."

AND IT'S SO ITCHY!
...WHICH JUST HAPPENS TO RHYME WIT' BITCHY...

...CAN'T BELIEVE THIS... SPENT TWENTY YEARS LEARNIN' GUITAR... FRIGGIN' NINJA...
PSST! ZOOM IN!
THIS IS REAL DRAMA HERE!

OH, WAS I SUPPOSED TO BE FILMING ALL THIS?
...WE'LL FIX IT IN POST.

QUACK QUACK!!
ZOINKS! THE NINJA PAGER - RIGHT ON CUE!
CUMON, PINK-O!

SHOULDN'T I WASH THIS FIRST?!
YER JUST GONNA STINK IT UP AGAIN! LET'S GO!

MEANWHILE
YOU, SIR, HAVE OFFENDED ME!
SPLASH!
AIEEEE! HOT ACID!!
YOU, MILADY, HAVE EARNED MY FAVOR!
SPLASH!
ACK! I'M DROWNING IN CHAMPAGNE!
...AND YOU, MADAM? SHALL YOU EARN MY FAVOR, OR MY IRE?!
PLEASE REMOVE ALL HATS & SUNGLASSES
SOME BANK
STOP, YOU - THE HELL IS THIS?!
YOU'VE MADE A POUR DECISION, BOTTLECAP! (I PRONOUNCED "POUR" WITH A "U," SEE WHAT I DID THERE?)

NOW WHAT?!
IT'S NINJA KNAPSACK TIME!
LESSEE - NINJA OVEN MITT... NINJA SPATULA... AHA!
LOOKS LIKE YER CORK-SCREWED, BOTTLECAP! KAWASAKIIEE!
ZOUNDS! MY INTERNAL PRESSURE - BUILDING!
SOMEBODY JUST GOT THEIR ASS NINJA'D!
HIS HEAD EXPLODED AND YOU'RE SPOUTING CATCH-PHRASES?!
WHAT-?! HOW DARE YOU, SIR?! REMOVE YOUR LITHE FORM FROM MY PERSON, POST-HASTE!
POP!

A SHORT TIME LATER, AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION...
...YEAH, SO, THIS PRETTY MUCH IS WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS...
NINJA LAIR
...HEY, WIPE YOUR FEET, WOULDJA?

INJA KNIVES
NINJA STARS
DORITOS
A NINJA'S BEST FRIEND - HIS SWORD OF PURE NINJONIUM!
THIS FEELS LIKE PLASTIC.
WELL, IT'S A TYPE OF PLASTIC, YES. IT'S, UH, A SPACE-AGE POLYMER... IT'S OVER YOUR HEAD.

BIG PART OF THE NINJA ARSENAL ARE HIS TOOLS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE! CHECK THESE OUT!
"PREPARE FOR A CRASH COURSE IN ASS KICKING!" "COME GIT NINJA'D!" "TASTE MY COLD, PLASTIC VENGEANCE!"
CAN YOU BELIEVE I COME UP WITH ALL THIS CRAP MYSELF?!
NINJA CATCH PHRASES

NEW!
NINJA LIQUID-
UH, AND THIS? OVER HERE?
WELL, I MEAN, A BIG PART OF THE NINJA LIFESTYLE IS HYDRATION!

...WHAT ABOUT THE STUFF STACKED UP IN THE CORNER?
LI'L NINJA DRESSUP PLAYSET $19.95
WARNING: FLAMMABLE
NINJA TAMPONS HEAVY FLOW
NINJA TAMPONS HEAVY FLOW
GIT NINJA'D!
WARNING: BAG FILLING MAY CAUSE CANCER
Marvelous MASTER NINJA FOR DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA DISPOSABLE DIAPERS
EHH - ANY BUSINESS IS GONNA HAVE A FEW FALSE STARTS, AM I RIGHT?

CHUCK'S NINJA WAREHOUSE
NINJA
BEVERLY H NINJA
ANYWAY! MOVIN' ON TO...
THE NINJA WARDROBE!
'CAUSE EVERY NINJA GOTTA HAVE FIFTEEN COPIES OF THE SAME OUTFIT!

...SO WHAT DRIVES THE MASTER NINJA?
MY MOTIVATIONS ARE DEEP AN' COMPLEX.
...THE MASTER NINJA'S STREAM CONTAINS MANY CREEKS AND BENDS.

THE ART O' THE NINJA REQUIRES DEDICATION, DETERMINATION, AND MANY YEARS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING.
...YEARS?

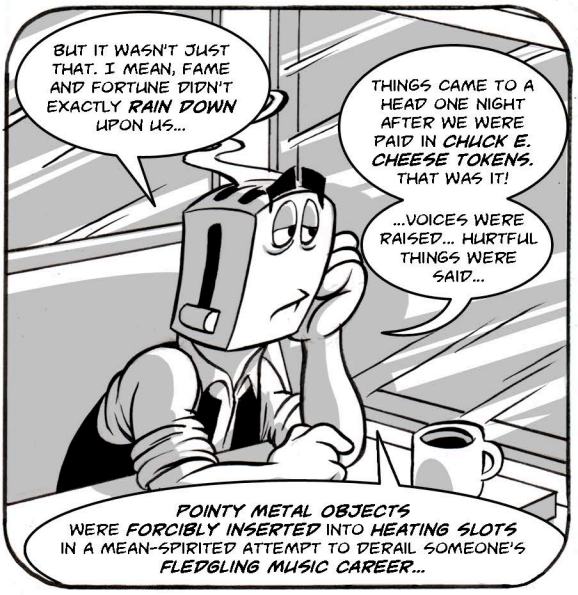
EHH, MANY MONTHS, ANYWAY... OKAY, LOOK, IT WAS A SEVEN DAY COURSE THAT I SPREAD OUT OVER FIFTY SEVEN WEEKS BUT I FINISHED IT SO...

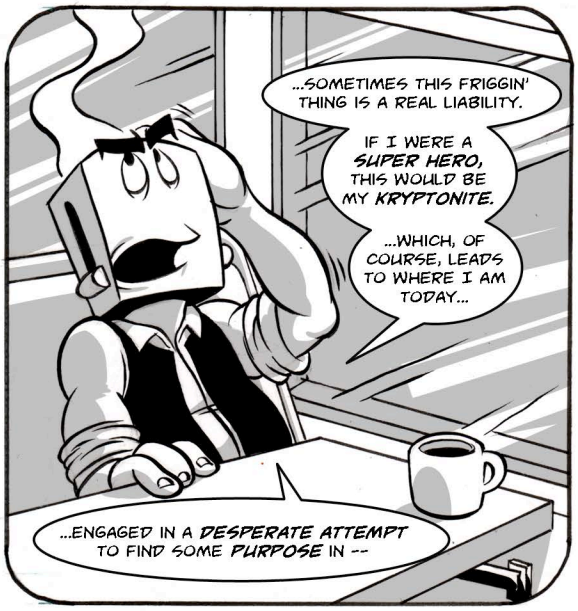
...THE POINT IS, MY DESIRE IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY NINJA SERVICE AS EFFICIENTLY (AND AS PROFITABLY) AS POSSIBLE. THAT'S WHAT DRIVES ME.

...SO, BASICALLY, MONEY.
...AS A MEANS TO FACILITATE LAZINESS, YES.

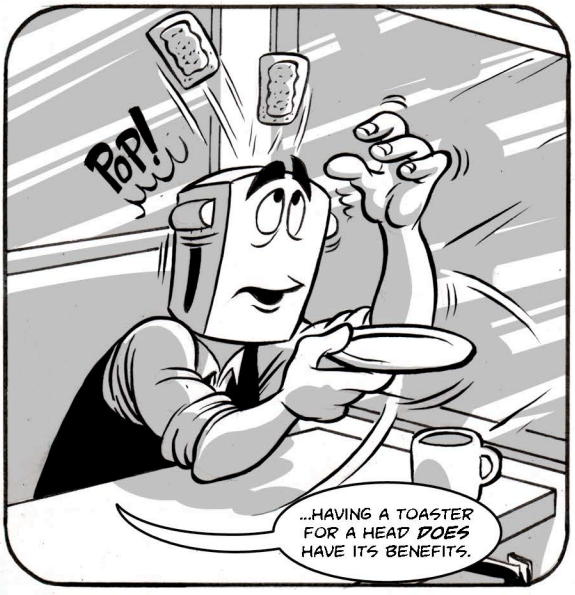
-- OF COURSE, BEIN' IRRESISTABLE TO THE LADIES IS JUST A BONUS PERK, AM I RIGHT?
UGH - CUT, CUT!

...SO TALK ABOUT TOASTER GUY'S RAISON D'ETRE.
I DUNNO... I ALWAYS KINDA' ASSUMED I'D BE A SUCCESSFUL MUSICIAN BY NOW...
...HAD A PRETTY GOOD LITTLE SETUP IN NEW YORK, UNTIL WE BROUGHT IN A NEW FRONT MAN...
...GREEDY LITTLE BASTARD...

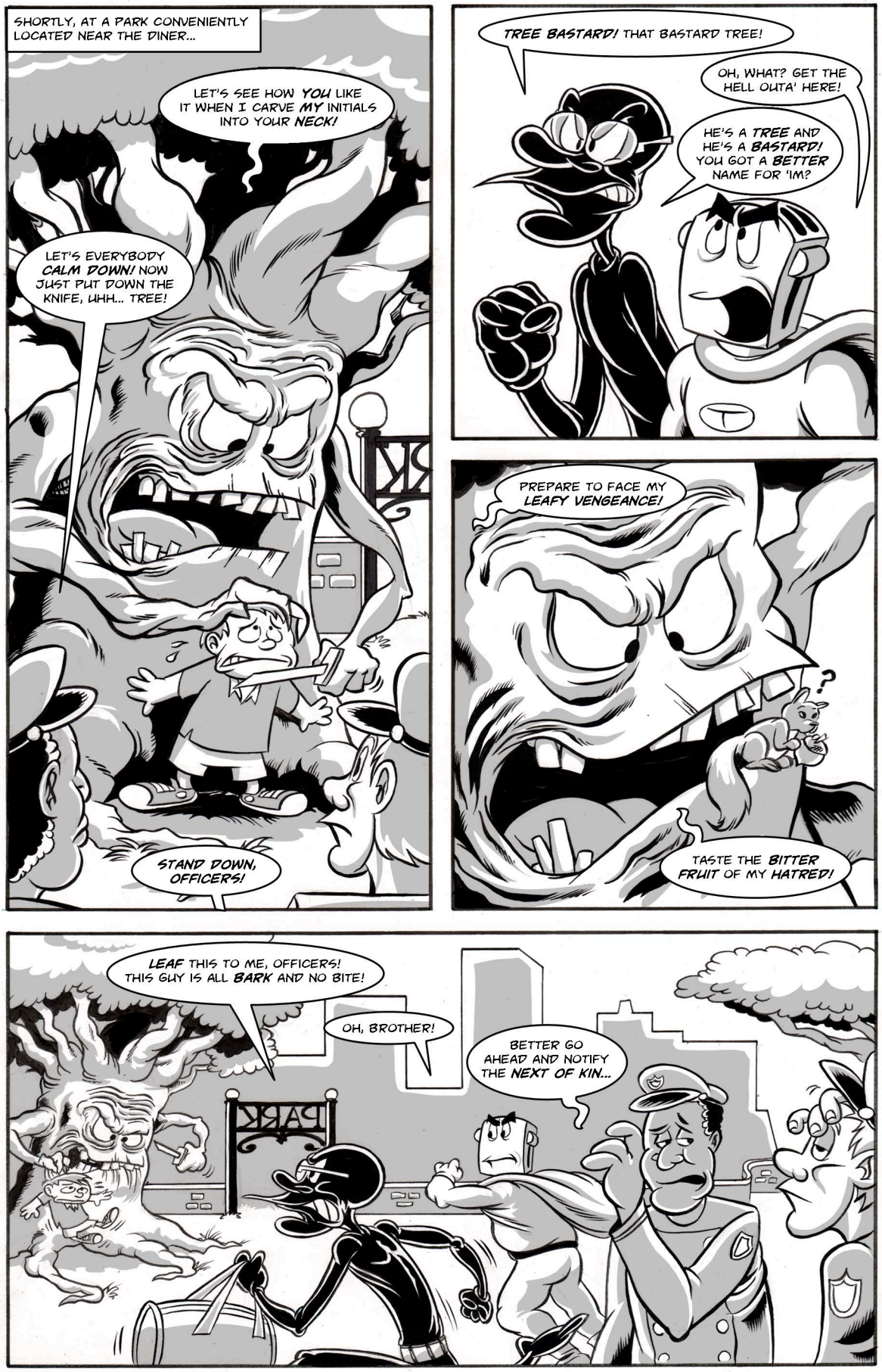

BUT IT WASN'T JUST THAT. I MEAN, FAME AND FORTUNE DIDN'T EXACTLY RAIN DOWN UPON US...
THINGS CAME TO A HEAD ONE NIGHT AFTER WE WERE PAID IN CHUCK E. CHEESE TOKENS. THAT WAS IT!
...VOICES WERE RAISED... HURTFUL THINGS WERE SAID...
POINTY METAL OBJECTS WERE FORCIBLY INSERTED INTO HEATING SLOTS IN A MEAN-SPIRITED ATTEMPT TO DERAIL SOMEONE'S FLEDGLING MUSIC CAREER...


...SOMETIMES THIS FRIGGIN' THING IS A REAL LIABILITY.
IF I WERE A SUPER HERO, THIS WOULD BE MY KRYPTONITE.
...WHICH, OF COURSE, LEADS TO WHERE I AM TODAY...
...ENGAGED IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO FIND SOME PURPOSE IN --

-YEOW!
DAMMIT!
YOU'D THINK AFTER THIRTY SOME-ODD YEARS I'D BE USED TO THAT BY NOW!
...STILL...


POP!
...HAVING A TOASTER FOR A HEAD DOES HAVE ITS BENEFITS.

EHH - NOW THAT WE'RE ALL DEPRESSED - NOT TO MENTION THOROUGHLY DISGUSTED AT THE SIGHT OF A GROWN MAN EATIN' SOMETHING THAT CAME OUT OF HIS HEAD -
- IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!


SHORTLY, AT A PARK CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR THE DINER...
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT WHEN I CARVE MY INITIALS INTO YOUR NECK!
LET'S EVERYBODY CALM DOWN! NOW JUST PUT DOWN THE KNIFE, UHH... TREE!
STAND DOWN, OFFICERS!
TREE BASTARD! THAT BASTARD TREE!
OH, WHAT? GET THE HELL OUTA' HERE!
HE'S A TREE AND HE'S A BASTARD! YOU GOT A BETTER NAME FOR 'IM?
PREPARE TO FACE MY LEAFY VENGEANCE!
?
TASTE THE BITTER FRUIT OF MY HATRED!
LEAF THIS TO ME, OFFICERS! THIS GUY IS ALL BARK AND NO BITE!
OH, BROTHER!
BETTER GO AHEAD AND NOTIFY THE NEXT OF KIN...
PARK

FEEL THE SHARP SHEARS OF NINJA JUSTICE! YOU BEEN PRUNED, YOU PERNICIOUS PERENNIAL!
SNAP!
BLAST! MY ONE WEAKNESS - SHARP GARDENING IMPLEMENTS! THE GROUND WILL RUN THICK WITH MY SAP TONIGHT!
...AND SO, ONCE MORE, INNOCENT LIVES ARE SAVED THANKS TO THE COURAGE OF THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA.
...UH, ALSO, TOASTER GUY.
THAT'S 1-866-GET-NINJA!
OR FIND MY BOOTH AT THE JENKINS AVENUE FLEA MARKET (ONLY ON WEEKENDS)!

VHS
DID YOU EVER KNOW THAT YOU'RE MY HERO, AND EVERYTHING I WOULD LIKE TO BE?...
WELL? WHA'DJA THINK?!

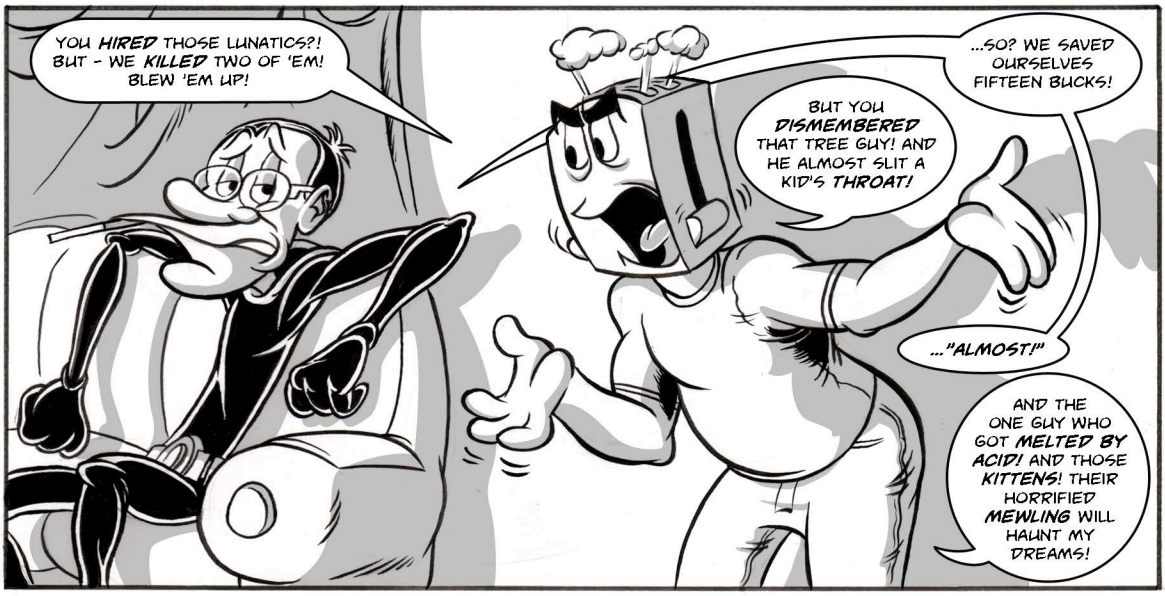
I THINK I JUST WASTED THREE HOURS OF MY LIFE! THAT WAS TERRIBLE!
EHH, YOU GOT NO APPRECIATION FER FINE ART.

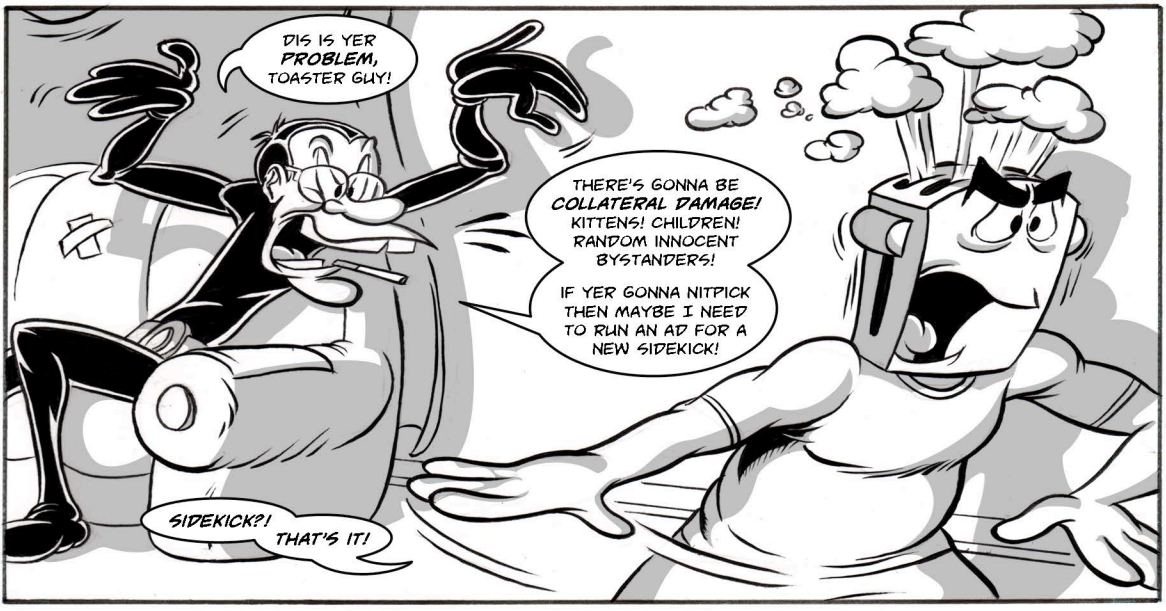
CUMON - IT WAS A ROUSING SUCCESS! IT SHOWED ME (AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, YOU) IN THE BEST POSSIBLE LIGHT!
...PLUS I THINK THAT DOCUMENTARY CHICK WAS INTO ME!
GET THE HELL OUTA HERE!

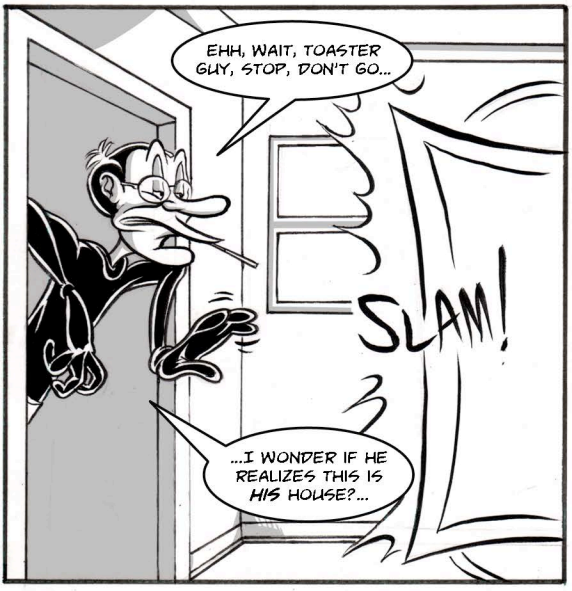
YOU PITCHED ME THE IDEA OF "LOCAL HEROES MAKING A DIFFERENCE!"
I JUST SAT THROUGH 180 MINUTES OF "NINJA EMBARRASSES HIMSELF AND THOSE AROUND HIM!"

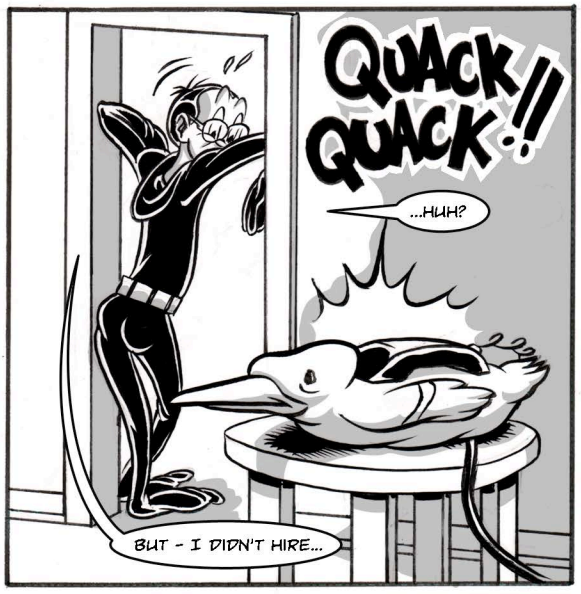
THE PROBLEM, TOASTER GUY, IS DAT YOU CAN'T SEE THE FOREST FER THE TREES...!
OH, DON'T GET ME STARTED ON TREES! THOSE RIDICULOUS VILLAINS!

YEAH, THOSE WERE THE BEST I COULD DO, CONSIDERIN' THE BUDGET I HAD T' WORK WITH...
YOU - BUDGET - WHAT?!


YOU HIRED THOSE LUNATICS?! BUT - WE KILLED TWO OF 'EM! BLEW 'EM UP!
...SO? WE SAVED OURSELVES FIFTEEN BUCKS!
BUT YOU DISMEMBERED THAT TREE GUY! AND HE ALMOST SLIT A KID'S THROAT!
..."ALMOST!"
AND THE ONE GUY WHO GOT MELTED BY ACID! AND THOSE KITTENS! THEIR HORRIFIED MEWLING WILL HAUNT MY DREAMS!

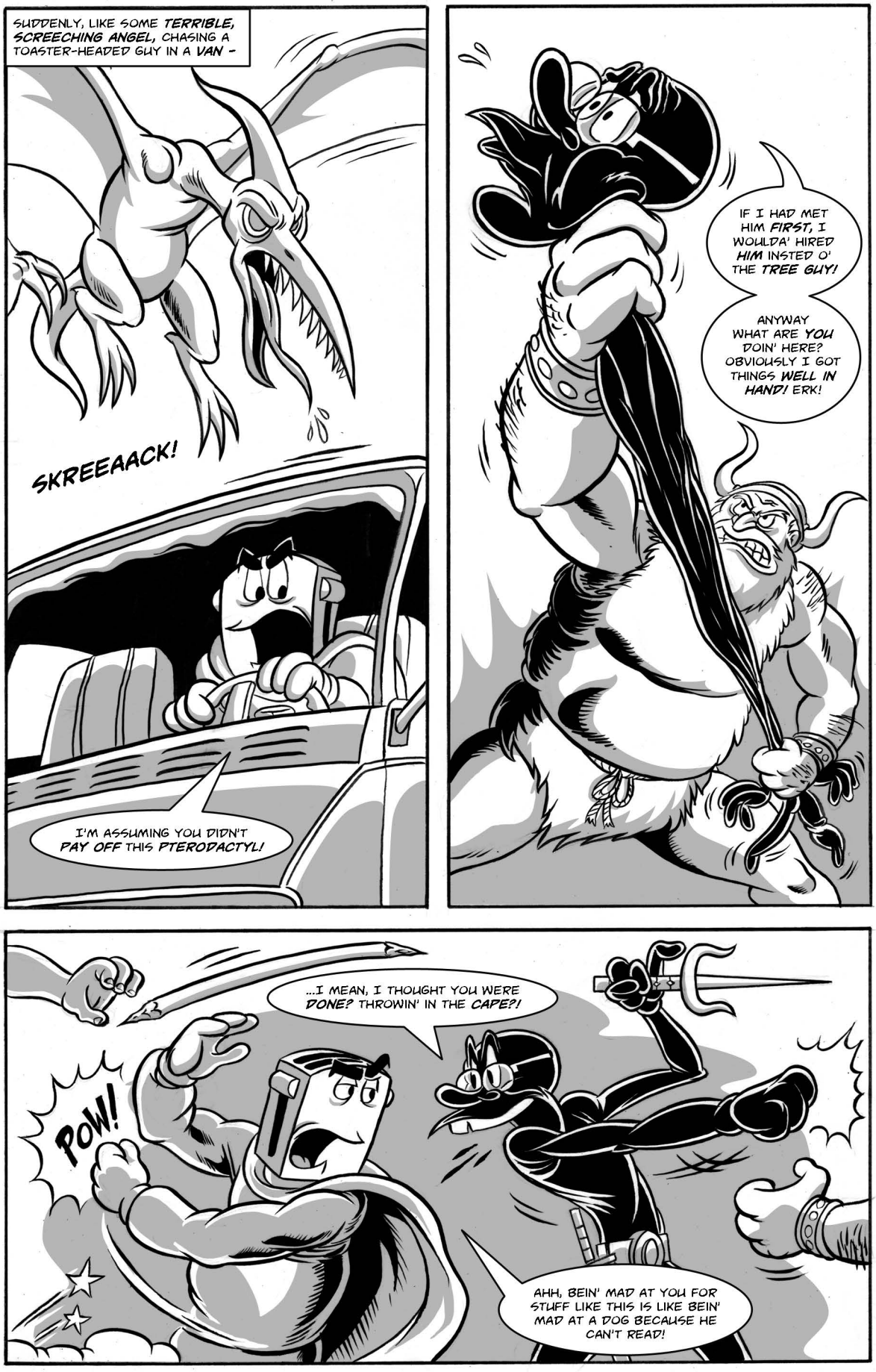

DIS IS YER PROBLEM, TOASTER GUY!
THERE'S GONNA BE COLLATERAL DAMAGE! KITTENS! CHILDREN! RANDOM INNOCENT BYSTANDERS!
IF YER GONNA NITPICK THEN MAYBE I NEED TO RUN AN AD FOR A NEW SIDEKICK!
SIDEKICK?!
THAT'S IT!

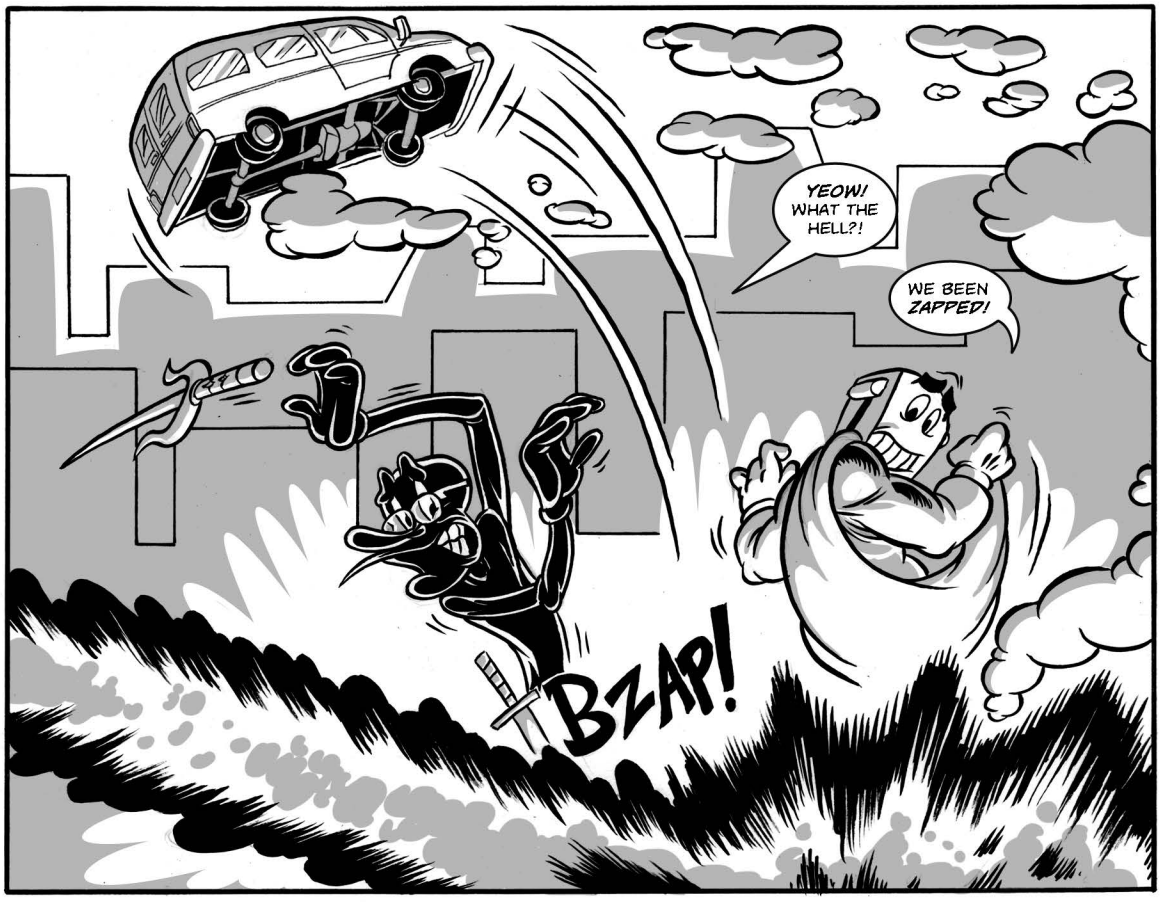

EHH, WAIT, TOASTER GUY, STOP, DON'T GO...
SLAM!
...I WONDER IF HE REALIZES THIS IS HIS HOUSE?...


QUACK QUACK!!
...HUH?
BUT - I DIDN'T HIRE...

...SHOULDA' LET THAT STUPID NINJA TURN TAIL AND LEAVE TOWN!
...SIDEKICK!
...OF ALL THE ODD JOBS I'VE HAD...
MY SHORT, ILL-CONCEIVED CAREER AS A MAGICIAN...
UHH... ANYBODY KNOW WHAT KIND OF JELLY GOES WITH TOASTED RABBIT?...
...CIRCUIT TESTER FOR UNLICENSED CONRACTORS...
AWRIGHT, TOAST MAN, I THINK WE GOT IT DIS TIME...
AND THAT ONE-TIME GIG AS A STAND IN FOR BREAKFAST COMMERCIALS...
WHY THE HELL IS THE TOASTER SHUDDERING?!
...I'VE NEVER HAD TO PEE SO BAD IN MY LIFE! I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS GONNA BE HERE SIX HOURS!
QUACK QUACK!!
WHAT THE -
NINJA ORDER
BUT WE'RE DONE WITH THE STUPID MOVIE -!

MEANWHILE
EVERYONE SEEMS UPSET! WHY DON'T WE SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT OUR FEELINGS!
VIKING, YOU GO FIRST!
HNNNG! I THINK WE'RE MAKIN' PROGRESS HERE!
BZAP!
LET ZEM EET CAKE!
SPLAT!
UGH! IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR YOU T' SURRENDER!


SUDDENLY, LIKE SOME TERRIBLE, SCREECHING ANGEL, CHASING A TOASTER-HEADED GUY IN A VAN -
SKREEAACK!
I'M ASSUMING YOU DIDN'T PAY OFF THIS PTERODACTYL!
IF I HAD MET HIM FIRST, I WOULDA' HIRED HIM INSTED O' THE TREE GUY!
ANYWAY WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' HERE? OBVIOUSLY I GOT THINGS WELL IN HAND! ERK!
POW!
...I MEAN, I THOUGHT YOU WERE DONE? THROWIN' IN THE CAPE?!
AHH, BEIN' MAD AT YOU FOR STUFF LIKE THIS IS LIKE BEIN' MAD AT A DOG BECAUSE HE CAN'T READ!


YEOW! WHAT THE HELL?!
WE BEEN ZAPPED!
BZAP!

MUH - MUH - MUH - MY VAN!! HOLEY CRAP, GRANDMA! MY VAN!
EHH - T.G.? WE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS!

TARGET ACQUIRED! EXECUTING PRIME DIRECTIVE:
...TERMINATE TOASTER GUY!
OH, CRAP!
...TO BE CONTINUED!

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WHEN WE LAST SAW OUR HEROES THEY WERE --
WELL - SEE FOR YOURSELF!
ERGH! TIME WARPS - GIANT ROBOTS - Y'KNOW, CRAP LIKE THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN BEFORE A CERTAIN TOASTER-HEADED, WOULD-BE OVERACHIEVER WANDERED BACK INTO TOWN!
HEY! LET'S NOT FORGET WHO GOADED WHO INTO WEARIN' A CAPE AND FIGHTING CRIME!
WHAT THE HELL DO GOATS HAFTA DO WITH ANYTHING?!
THE PULSE-POUNDING, SENSES SHATTERING CONCLUSION OF...
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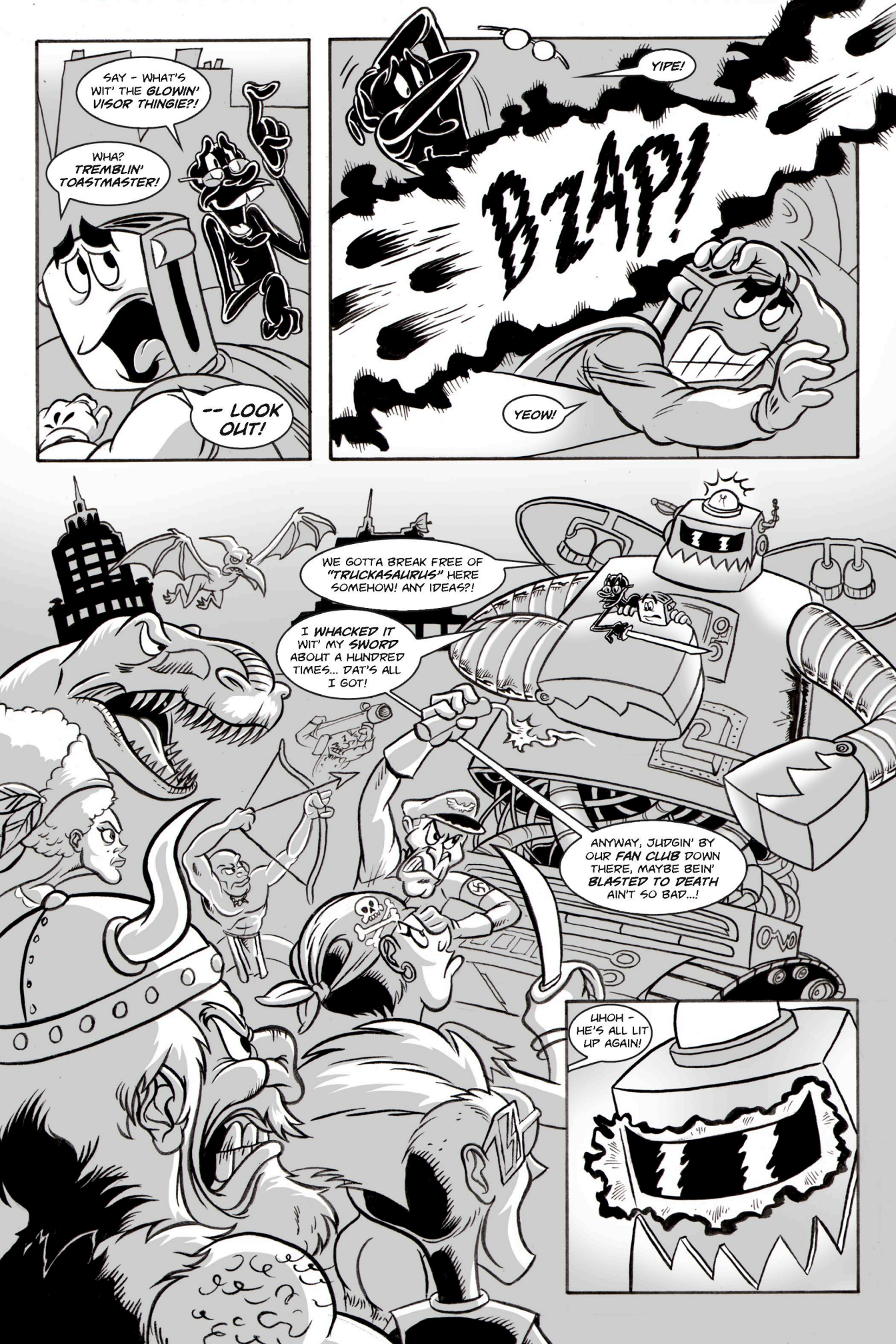
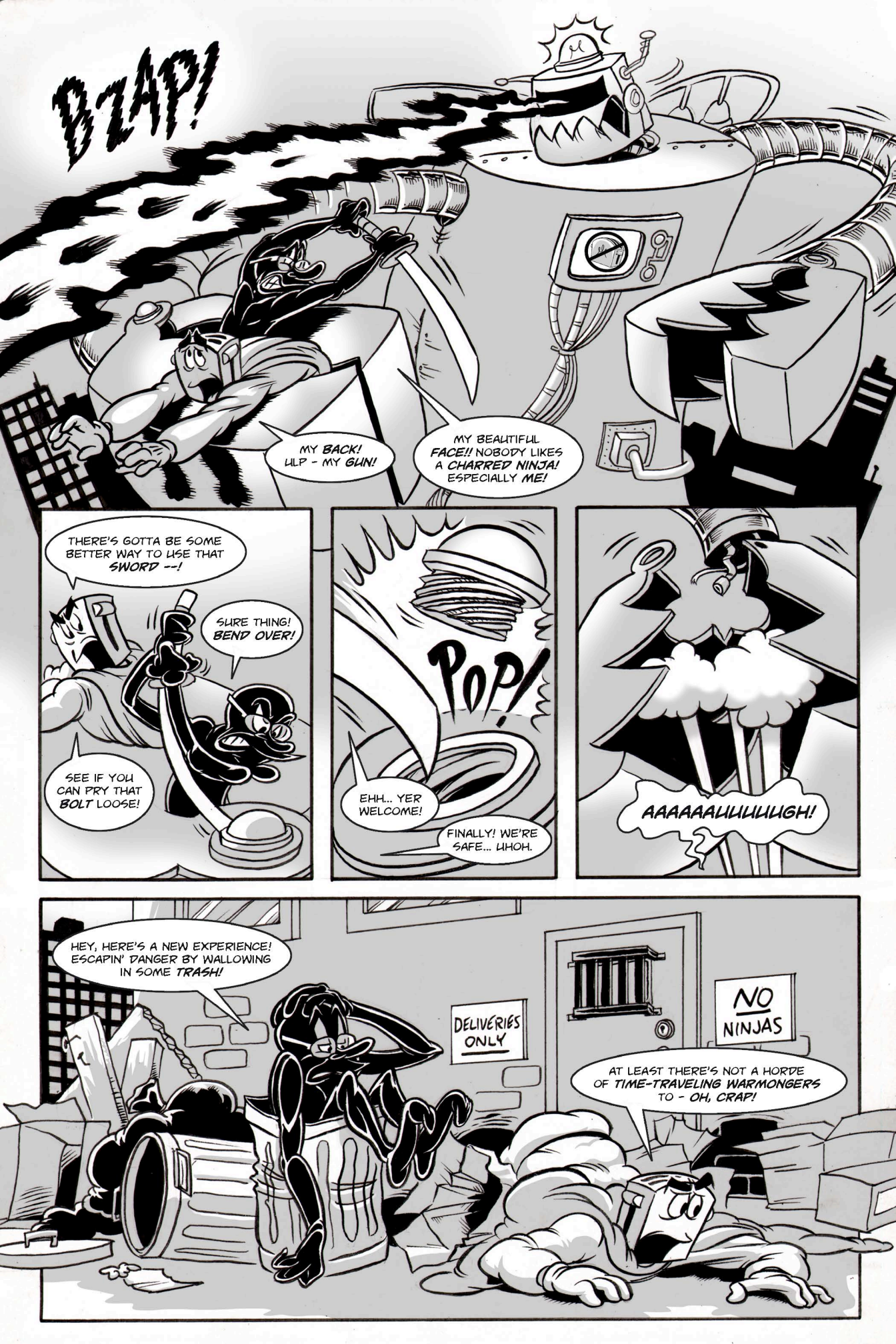
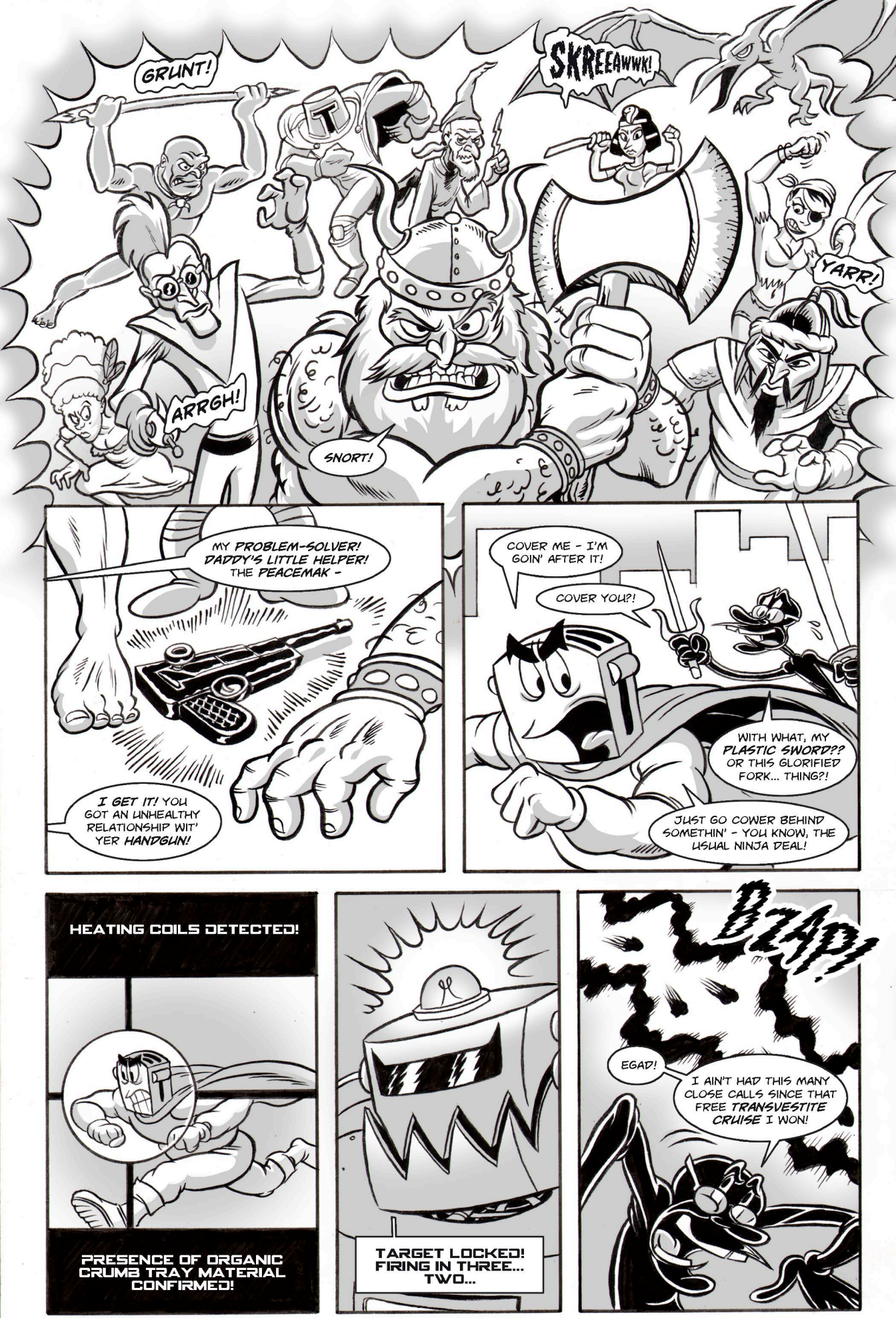
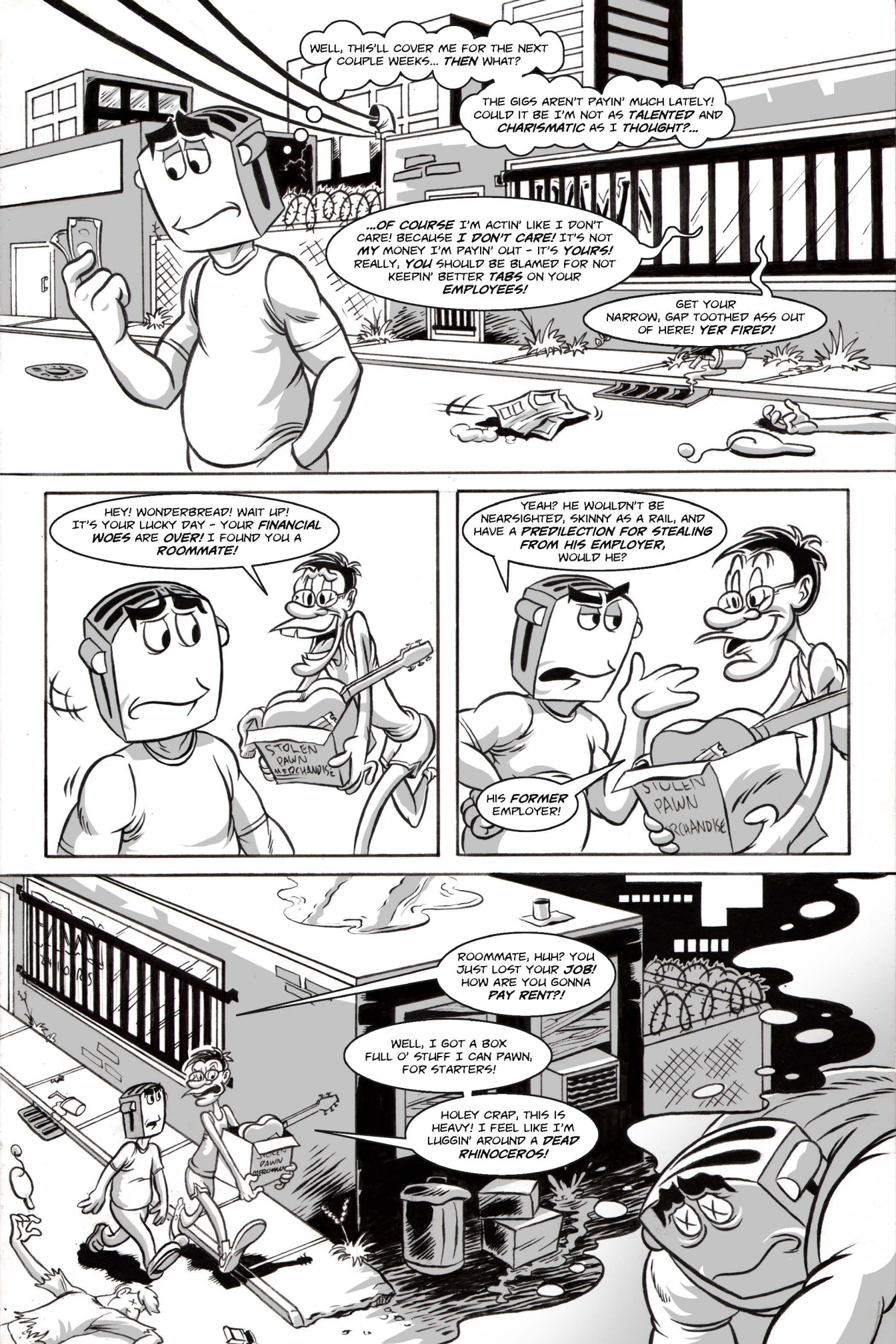

SAY - WHAT'S WIT' THE GLOWIN' VISOR THINGIE?!
WHA? TREMBLIN' TOASTMASTER!
-- LOOK OUT!
YIPE!
BZAP!
YEOW!
WE GOTTA BREAK FREE OF "TRUCKASAURUS" HERE SOMEHOW! ANY IDEAS?!
I WHACKED IT WIT' MY SWORD ABOUT A HUNDRED TIMES... DAT'S ALL I GOT!
ANYWAY, JUDGIN' BY OUR FAN CLUB DOWN THERE, MAYBE BEIN' BLASTED TO DEATH AIN'T SO BAD...!
UHOH - HE'S ALL LIT UP AGAIN!

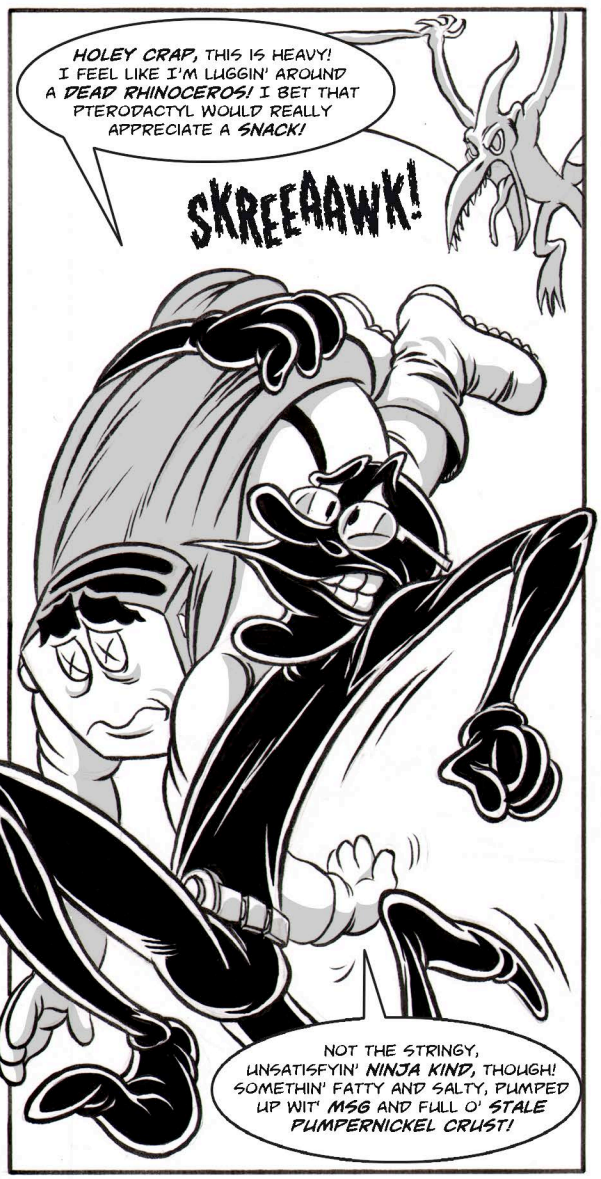

BZAP!
MY BACK! ULP - MY GUN!
MY BEAUTIFUL FACE!! NOBODY LIKES A CHARRED NINJA! ESPECIALLY ME!
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME BETTER WAY TO USE THAT SWORD --!
SURE THING! BEND OVER!
SEE IF YOU CAN PRY THAT BOLT LOOSE!
POP!
EHH... YER WELCOME!
FINALLY! WE'RE SAFE... UHOH.
AAAAAAUUUUUGH!
HEY, HERE'S A NEW EXPERIENCE! ESCAPIN' DANGER BY WALLOWING IN SOME TRASH!
DELIVERIES ONLY
NO NINJAS
AT LEAST THERE'S NOT A HORDE OF TIME-TRAVELING WARMONGERS TO - OH, CRAP!


GRUNT!
SKREEAWWK!
YARR!
ARRGH!
SNORT!
MY PROBLEM-SOLVER! DADDY'S LITTLE HELPER! THE PEACEMAK -
I GET IT! YOU GOT AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WIT' YER HANDGUN!
COVER ME - I'M GOIN' AFTER IT!
COVER YOU?!
WITH WHAT, MY PLASTIC SWORD?? OR THIS GLORIFIED FORK... THING?!
JUST GO COWER BEHIND SOMETHIN' - YOU KNOW, THE USUAL NINJA DEAL!
HEATING COILS DETECTED!
PRESENCE OF ORGANIC CRUMB TRAY MATERIAL CONFIRMED!
TARGET LOCKED! FIRING IN THREE... TWO...
BZAP!
EGAD!
I AIN'T HAD THIS MANY CLOSE CALLS SINCE THAT FREE TRANSVESTITE CRUISE I WON!

HNNNG!
SZZAK!
TOASTER GUY!
DAMN YOU FOR BEING TOO FAT TO DODGE A SLOW-MOVING ROBOT, THUS PUTTIN' ME IN DANGER!!
IT FIGURES!...
...A LIFETIME O' MOON PIES AND DORITOS AND THIS IS WHAT KILLS HIS FAT ASS!
TOASTER GUY? WAKE UP, DOUGHBOY! THIS WOULD HAPPEN TO ME!
WHAT A LOAD O' CRAP THIS IS!
THE VOICES OF THE PRESENT FADE AWAY AS TOASTER GUY'S UNCONSCIOUS MIND DRIFTS BACK TO THE PAST...

SEVERAL YEARS AGO...
WHAT A LOAD O' CRAP THIS IS!
R ORBISON
SIGNED BALLS DIME A DOZEN
HOLD FOR T. GUY
EYE OF SAURON $5
VHS TAPES (USED)
DEVO
I DON'T NEED YOUR FRIGGIN' COMMENTARY!
JUST MAKE ME AN OFFER ON THIS STUFF, WOULDJA?
HUMAN SKULLS (USED)
CLOWN NOSES (USED)
GUNS 2 for 1
I MEAN - THIS IS A 1966 FENDER! THIS IS VINTAGE DUCT TAPE ON THIS THING! AND YOU CAN SEE WHERE A BASS PLAYER BLED ON IT!
LOOK, I GOT A LIST O' AMPS HERE AND A SERIES O' TWO DIGIT PRICES! I'M LEANIN' TOWARDS SOMETHIN' THAT ENDS WITH "TEEN!"
AT THIS POINT, I'M GUESSIN' YOU'LL TAKE WHAT YOU CAN GIT! FUNDS MUST BE RUNNIN' LOW, EH? THE PAST TWO WEEKS, YOU BEEN IN HERE WITH A GUITAR, HALF A DRUM KIT, A BOX O' WIGS...
LOOK, WOULD YOU JUST-
CASES O' EXPIRED MACARONI, DISCARDED SYRINGES, EMPTY CANS...
...A ROCK YOU CLAIMED WAS A FOSSILIZED DINOSAUR TURD -
MY UNCLE GAVE ME THAT! IT HAD A PLASTIC CASE AND EVERYTHING!
...PLUNGERS THAT WERE CLEARLY USED, EARMUFFS - YOU! EARMUFFS! YA GOT NO EARS, SUNBEAM!
PLEASE REMOVE MASK BEFORE ROBBING
ARE YOU GONNA BUY THIS STUFF, OR WHAT?!
EHH... WHAT THE HELL.
I MIGHT NEED AN EGGO THAWED ONE DAY AND YOU'LL OWE ME A FAVOR.

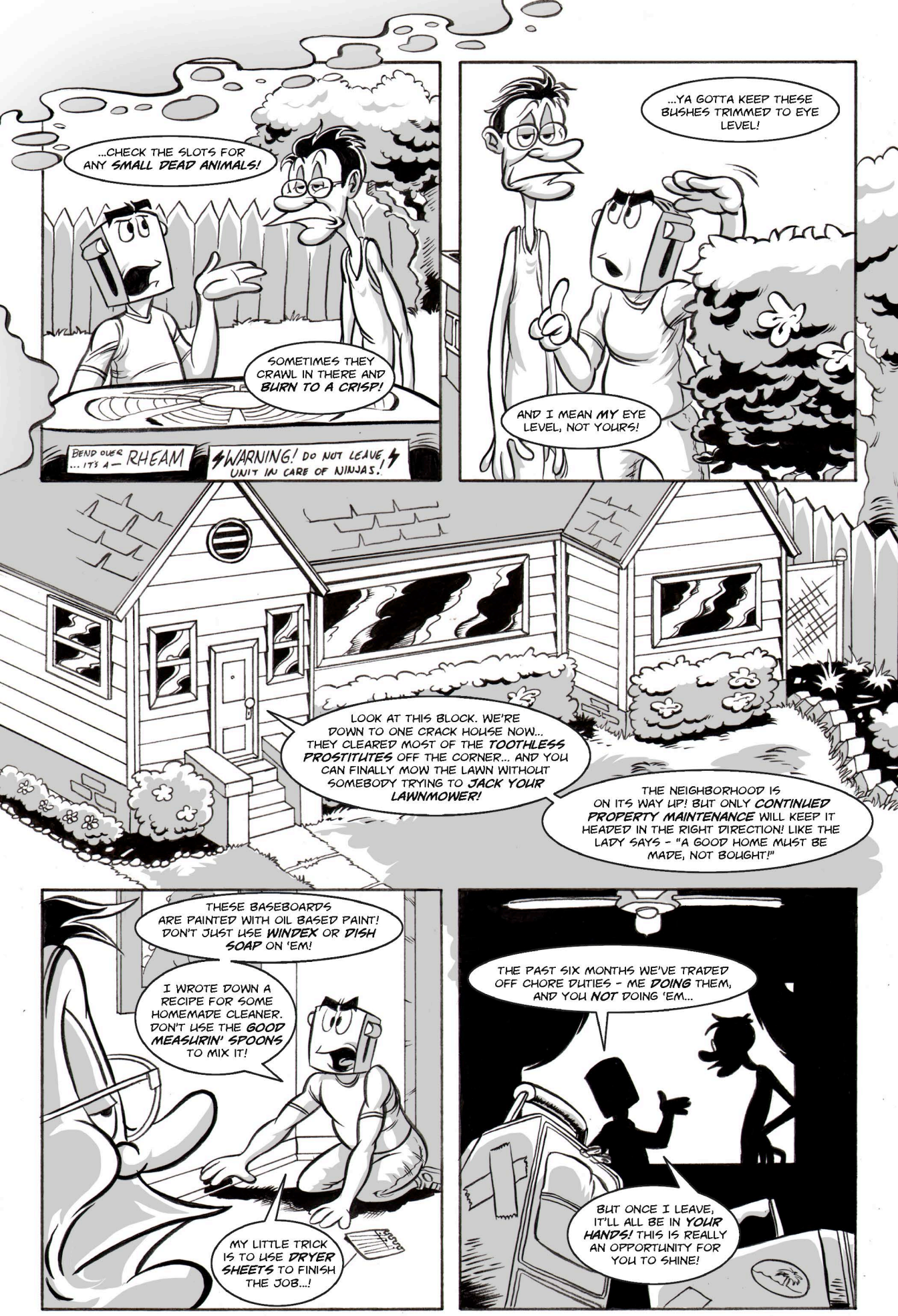

WELL, THIS'LL COVER ME FOR THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS... THEN WHAT?
THE GIGS AREN'T PAYIN' MUCH LATELY! COULD IT BE I'M NOT AS TALENTED AND CHARISMATIC AS I THOUGHT?...
...OF COURSE I'M ACTIN' LIKE I DON'T CARE! BECAUSE I DON'T CARE! IT'S NOT MY MONEY I'M PAYIN' OUT - IT'S YOURS! REALLY, YOU SHOULD BE BLAMED FOR NOT KEEPIN' BETTER TABS ON YOUR EMPLOYEES!
GET YOUR NARROW, GAP TOOTHED ASS OUT OF HERE! YER FIRED!
HEY! WONDERBREAD! WAIT UP! IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY - YOUR FINANCIAL WOES ARE OVER! I FOUND YOU A ROOMMATE!
STOLEN PAWN MERCHANDISE
YEAH? HE WOULDN'T BE NEARSIGHTED, SKINNY AS A RAIL, AND HAVE A PREDILECTION FOR STEALING FROM HIS EMPLOYER, WOULD HE?
HIS FORMER EMPLOYER!
STOLEN PAWN
ROOMMATE, HUH? YOU JUST LOST YOUR JOB! HOW ARE YOU GONNA PAY RENT?!
WELL, I GOT A BOX FULL O' STUFF I CAN PAWN, FOR STARTERS!
HOLEY CRAP, THIS IS HEAVY! I FEEL LIKE I'M LUGGIN' AROUND A DEAD RHINOCEROS!


HOLEY CRAP, THIS IS HEAVY! I FEEL LIKE I'M LUGGIN' AROUND A DEAD RHINOCEROS! I BET THAT PTERODACTYL WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE A SNACK!
SKREEAAWK!
NOT THE STRINGY, UNSATISFYIN' NINJA KIND, THOUGH! SOMETHIN' FATTY AND SALTY, PUMPED UP WIT' MSG AND FULL O' STALE PUMPERNICKEL CRUST!

911
HEY! NINJA! GET OVER HERE!
WHAT TH' - WHO KNEW AUNT MADEA WAS AN EMT! WELL, ANY PORT IN A STORM...!

I THINK HE'S OUT COLD! IF HE'S DEAD, I DIDN'T DO IT!

...IS HE BREATHING? ARE WE SUPPOSED TO PLUG HIM IN OR SOMETHING?
CHECK THE SLOTS FOR ANY SMALL DEAD ANIMALS! SOMETIMES THEY CRAWL IN THERE AND BURN TO A CRISP!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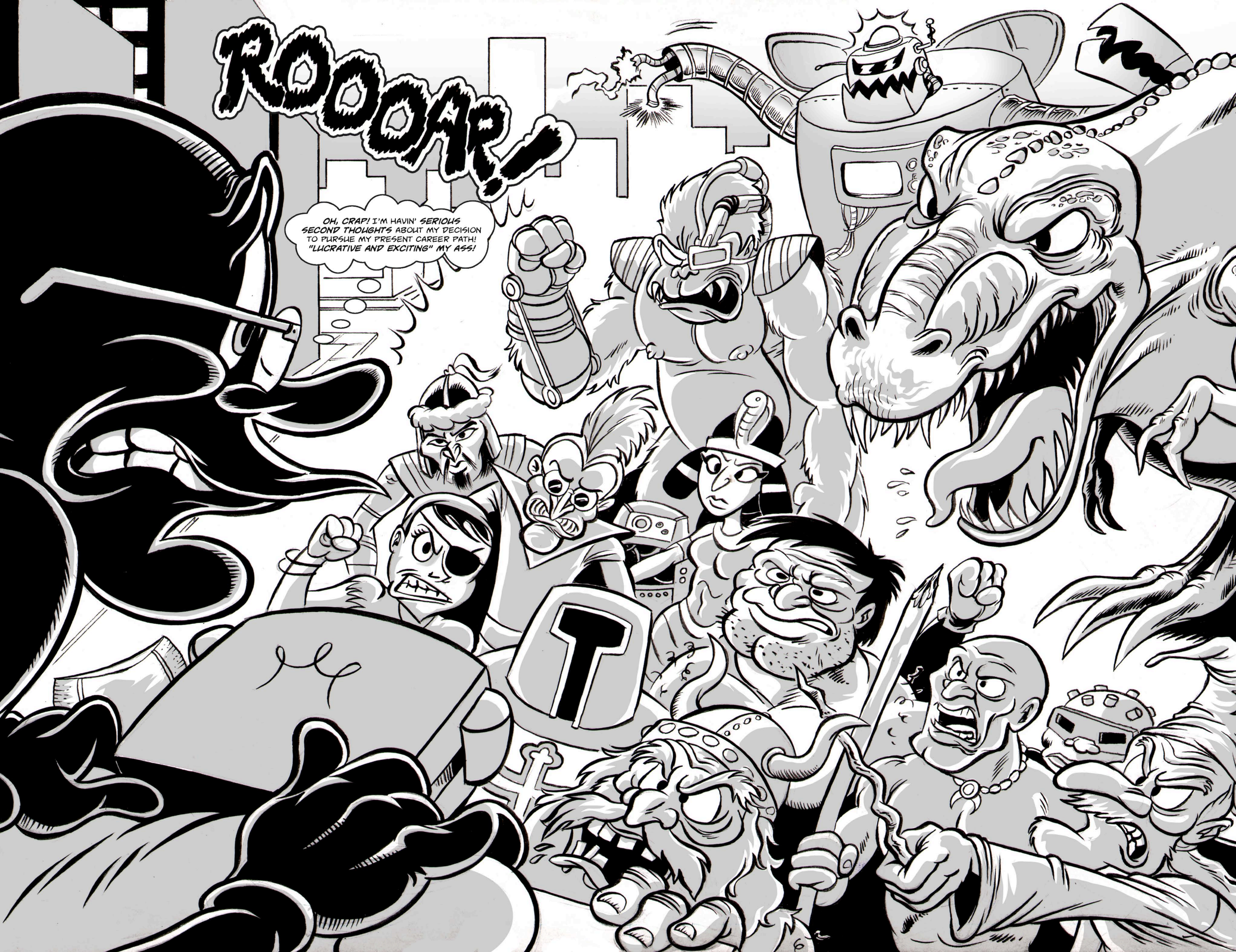
SOMETIMES THEY CRAWL IN THERE AND BURN TO A CRISP!
BEND OVER ... IT'S A— RHEAM
WARNING! DO NOT LEAVE UNIT IN CARE OF NINJAS!
...YA GOTTA KEEP THESE BUSHES TRIMMED TO EYE LEVEL!
AND I MEAN MY EYE LEVEL, NOT YOURS!
LOOK AT THIS BLOCK. WE'RE DOWN TO ONE CRACK HOUSE NOW... THEY CLEARED MOST OF THE TOOTHLESS PROSTITUTES OFF THE CORNER... AND YOU CAN FINALLY MOW THE LAWN WITHOUT SOMEBODY TRYING TO JACK YOUR LAWNMOWER!
THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS ON ITS WAY UP! BUT ONLY CONTINUED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE WILL KEEP IT HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION! LIKE THE LADY SAYS - "A GOOD HOME MUST BE MADE, NOT BOUGHT!"
THESE BASEBOARDS ARE PAINTED WITH OIL BASED PAINT! DON'T JUST USE WINDEX OR DISH SOAP ON 'EM!
I WROTE DOWN A RECIPE FOR SOME HOMEMADE CLEANER. DON'T USE THE GOOD MEASURIN' SPOONS TO MIX IT!
MY LITTLE TRICK IS TO USE DRYER SHEETS TO FINISH THE JOB...!
THE PAST SIX MONTHS WE'VE TRADED OFF CHORE DUTIES - ME DOING THEM, AND YOU NOT DOING 'EM...
BUT ONCE I LEAVE, IT'LL ALL BE IN YOUR HANDS! THIS IS REALLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO SHINE!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING: DO NOT SMOKE IN THE HOUSE! GOT IT?
EHH, SURE. JUST ONE THING...
...WHERE EXACTLY ARE YOU GOIN'? BECAUSE I WASN'T PAYIN' ATTENTION TO A SINGLE WORD YOU SAID.
TO NEW YORK! TO MAKE MY MARK ON THE MUSIC SCENE!
POP TARTS
EGGOS
SURE! TO JOIN ALL THE OTHER APPLIANCE-RELATED GREATS!
THE TALKING HAIRDRYERS! JOHN COUGAR MELONBALLER!
AND YOU'VE GOT BIG PLANS, I IMAGINE?
...NATURALLY!
WHAT'S THIS? "SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO BECOME A NINJA." ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
IT'S AN EMERGIN' MARKET! IN STONE CITY, I'M AHEAD O' TH' CURVE! I CHECKED THE PHONE BOOK AND NOTED A DISTINCT LACK O' NINJAS!
BUT YOU CAN'T SEE THREE FEET IN FRONT OF YOUR FACE!
YOU BETTER TAKE OFF WHILE THE VAN IS STILL RUNNIN'! I DON'T THINK THE CHILD MOLESTER YOU BOUGHT THAT THING OFF OF KEPT UP WIT' THE OIL CHANGES!
MAN, I SHOULDA' DONE THIS YEARS AGO!
THIS IS THE BEST DECISION I EVER MADE!
OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING ALL OVER THE PLACE...
...AND I'M ACTUALLY STUPID ENOUGH TO OPEN THE DOOR!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE ACTUALLY STUPID ENOUGH TO OPEN THE DOOR!
THE GUY SAID HE WAS A COP!
HE'S WEARING A HELMET WITH HORNS ON IT! I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M SURPRISED. WHAT ELSE SHOULD I EXPECT FROM THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA?!
ME?! WHAT DID I HAVE TO DO WITH ANY O' THIS? I WAS FINE ON THE COUCH WIT' THE CHEESE DOODLES - BLAME THAT TOASTER HEADED SACK O' POTATOES!
YOU SEE THAT? THE LAST TIME ANYBODY SAW SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT, YOU AND YOUR TOASTER HEADED PARTNER HERE WERE FALLIN' OUT OF IT, WITH A THIRTY FOOT TALL DINOSAUR HOT ON YOUR TAILS!
...YOU MEAN "PARTNER" LIKE "BUSINESS PARTNER," RIGHT? 'CUZ WE AIN'T - I MEAN... YOU KNOW. I AIN'T NO BROKEBACK NINJA.
ROAR!
SPEAKIN' OF DINOSAURS -
LET'S NOT! LET'S SPEAK OF BUTTERFLIES AND DANDELIONS!


ROOAR!
OH, CRAP! I'M HAVIN' SERIOUS SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT MY DECISION TO PURSUE MY PRESENT CAREER PATH! "LUCRATIVE AND EXCITING" MY ASS!

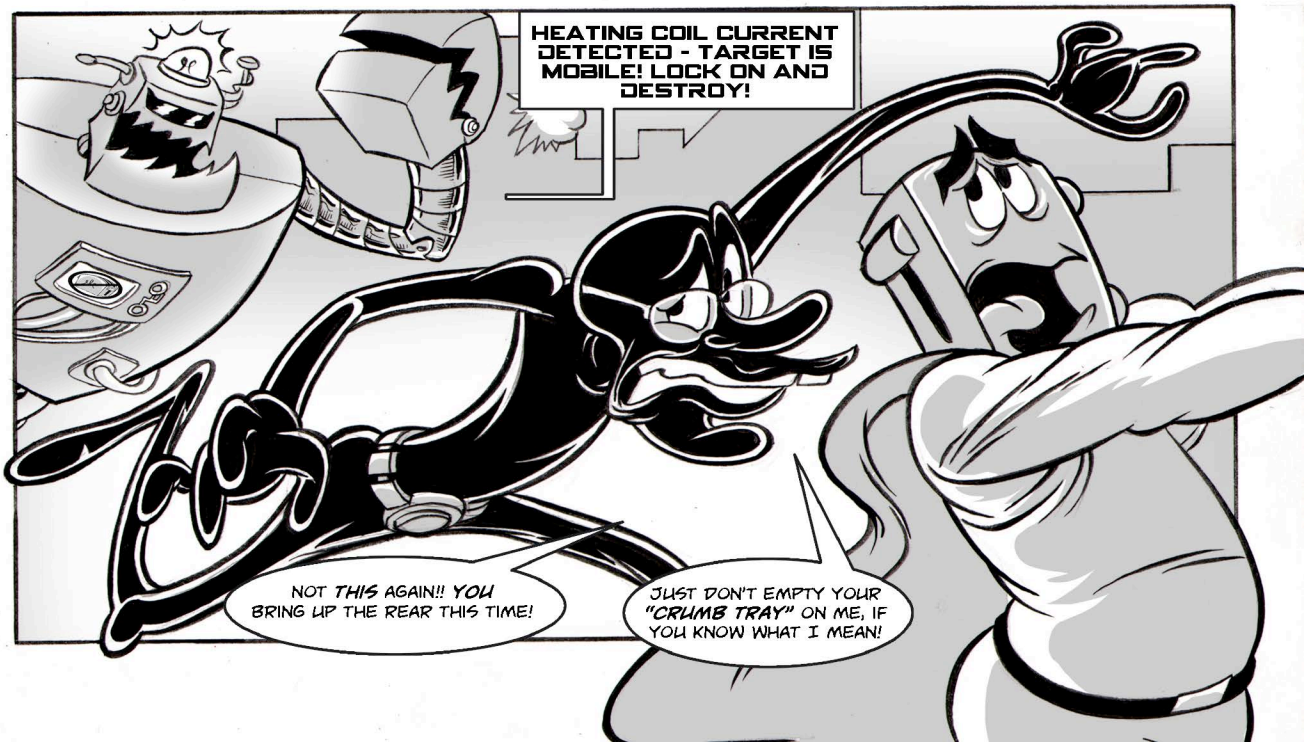
BOOT!
LIVE BATTLE OF THE BANDS
BOO! HISS!
SPLAT!
GAS. CIGS
DEPT of SANITATION
RAT CATCHER ON DUTY
NYC SEWER
OH, CRAP! I'M HAVIN' SERIOUS SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT MY DECISION TO PURSUE MY PRESENT CAREER PATH!
"LUCRATIVE AND EXCITING" MY ASS!
YOINK!
...BOY DID I WANDER DOWN SOME WEIRD ALLEYS OFF THE HIGHWAY OF MY LIFE...
TOASTY THE CLOWN
WILL RE-HEAT BAGELS FOR FOOD
IMAGINE - ME! A GUY WITH A TOASTER FOR A HEAD! THE WORLD OUGHTA' BE MY OYSTER!
OHH... FEELS LIKE SOMEBODY JAMMED RUSTY FORKS DOWN MY TOASTING CARRIAGE!

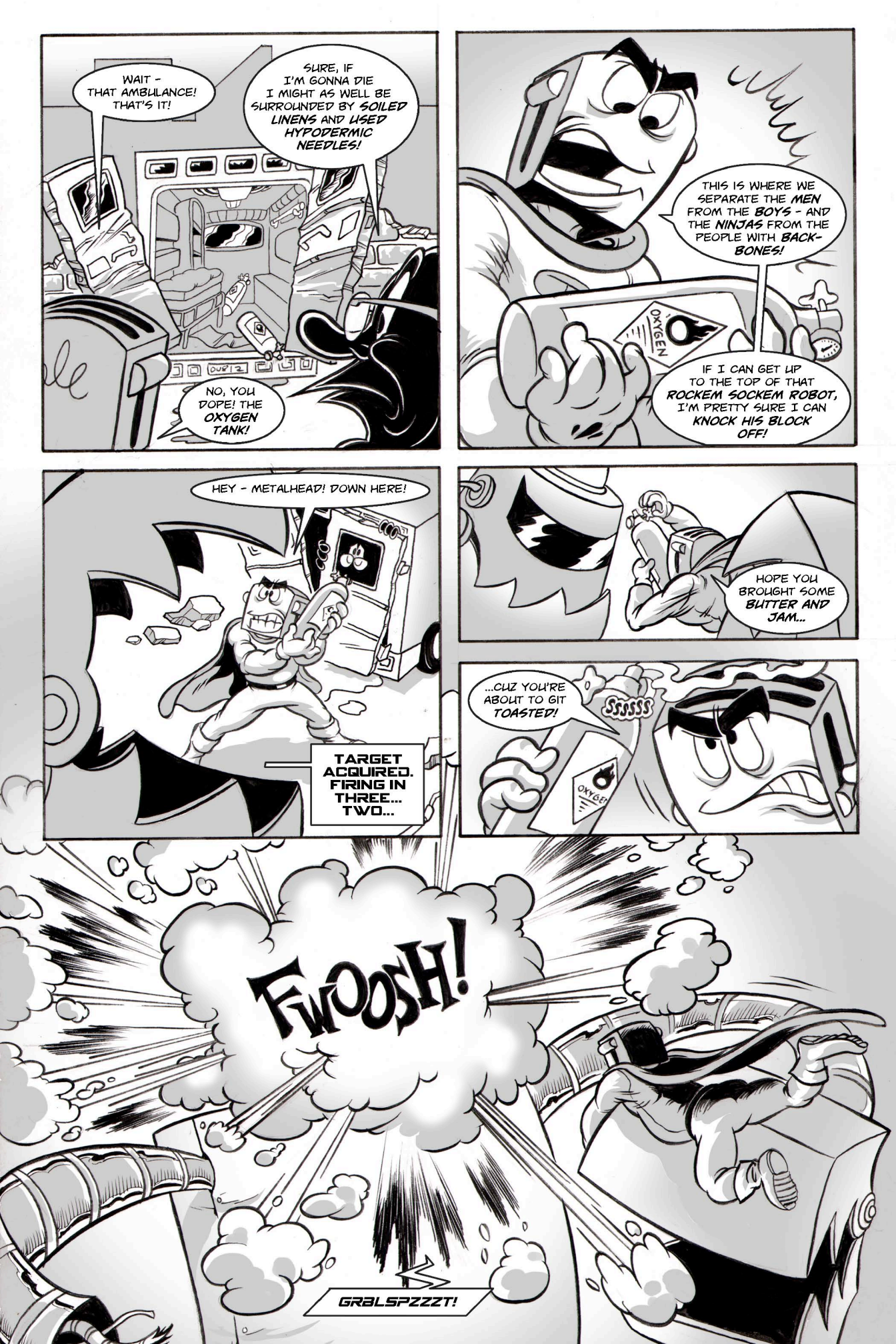
WELL! SOMEBODY'S AWAKE! MORNIN' SLEEPYHEAD!
WHOA - MY HEATING COILS ARE ALL JUMBLED! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
BLAST!
EHH... YOU MEAN, BESIDES THE GIANT ROBOT DESTROYIN' THE CITY?
WHAT THE HELL? HOW LONG WAS I OUT?! DID SKYNET BECOME SELF AWARE?!

MOMENTS LATER, AS A LENGTHY RECAP IS SHORTENED TO FIT INTO ONE PANEL...
...AND THEN A GANG O' VICIOUS MONGOLS GRABBED THE PARAMEDICS!
BEIN' JUST ONE NINJA AND, THEREFORE, UNABLE TO FACILITATE THE SAVING OF ANY LIVES ASIDE FROM MY OWN (WELL, AND YOU, BUT THE MORTGAGE IS IN YOUR NAME), I TOSSED YOU BACK IN THE AMBULANCE AND HIT THE GAS! I WAS CORNERED BY FALLIN' DEBRIS... AND HERE WE ARE!
JUST YOU AND ME, HUH? FIGURES! WHAT ABOUT THE COPS?
THEY'RE - EHH - PREOCCUPIED!

PUT ME DOWN, YOU WALNUT-BRAINED DINOSAUR JOCKEY!
THAT SCIENTIFICALLY INACCURATE INSULT!

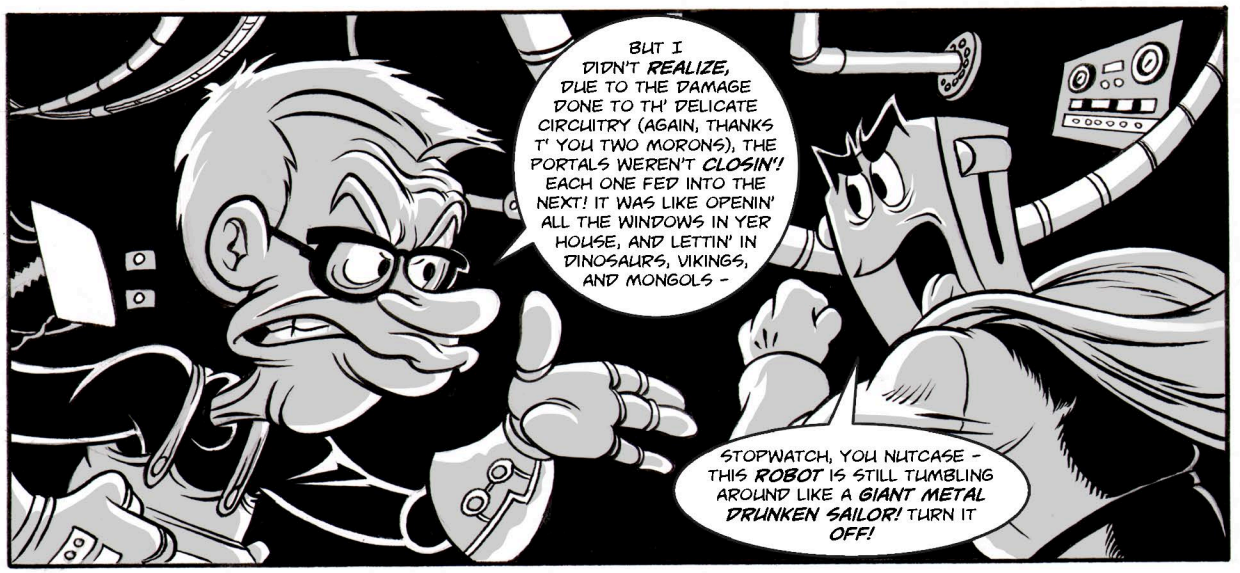
THAT PORTAL IS STILL BELCHIN' OUT TIME ANOMALIES! WE NEED TO CLOSE IT!
DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT I THINK WE GOT MATTERS OF A MORE URGENT CONCERN!


HEATING COIL CURRENT DETECTED - TARGET IS MOBILE! LOCK ON AND DESTROY!
NOT THIS AGAIN!! YOU BRING UP THE REAR THIS TIME!
JUST DON'T EMPTY YOUR "CRUMB TRAY" ON ME, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!


WAIT - THAT AMBULANCE! THAT'S IT!
SURE, IF I'M GONNA DIE I MIGHT AS WELL BE SURROUNDED BY SOILED LINENS AND USED HYPODERMIC NEEDLES!
NO, YOU DOPE! THE OXYGEN TANK!
THIS IS WHERE WE SEPARATE THE MEN FROM THE BOYS - AND THE NINJAS FROM THE PEOPLE WITH BACK-BONES!
OXYGEN
IF I CAN GET UP TO THE TOP OF THAT ROCKEM SOCKEM ROBOT, I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN KNOCK HIS BLOCK OFF!
HEY - METALHEAD! DOWN HERE!
TARGET ACQUIRED. FIRING IN THREE... TWO...
HOPE YOU BROUGHT SOME BUTTER AND JAM...
...CUZ YOU'RE ABOUT TO GIT TOASTED!
SSSSSS
OXYGEN
FWOOSH!
GRALSPZZZT!

OH, GREAT! THAT'S TERRIFIC! GIVE THE BUTTERBALL A TWINKIE! HE REALLY DID IT THIS TIME!
THAT VOICE!

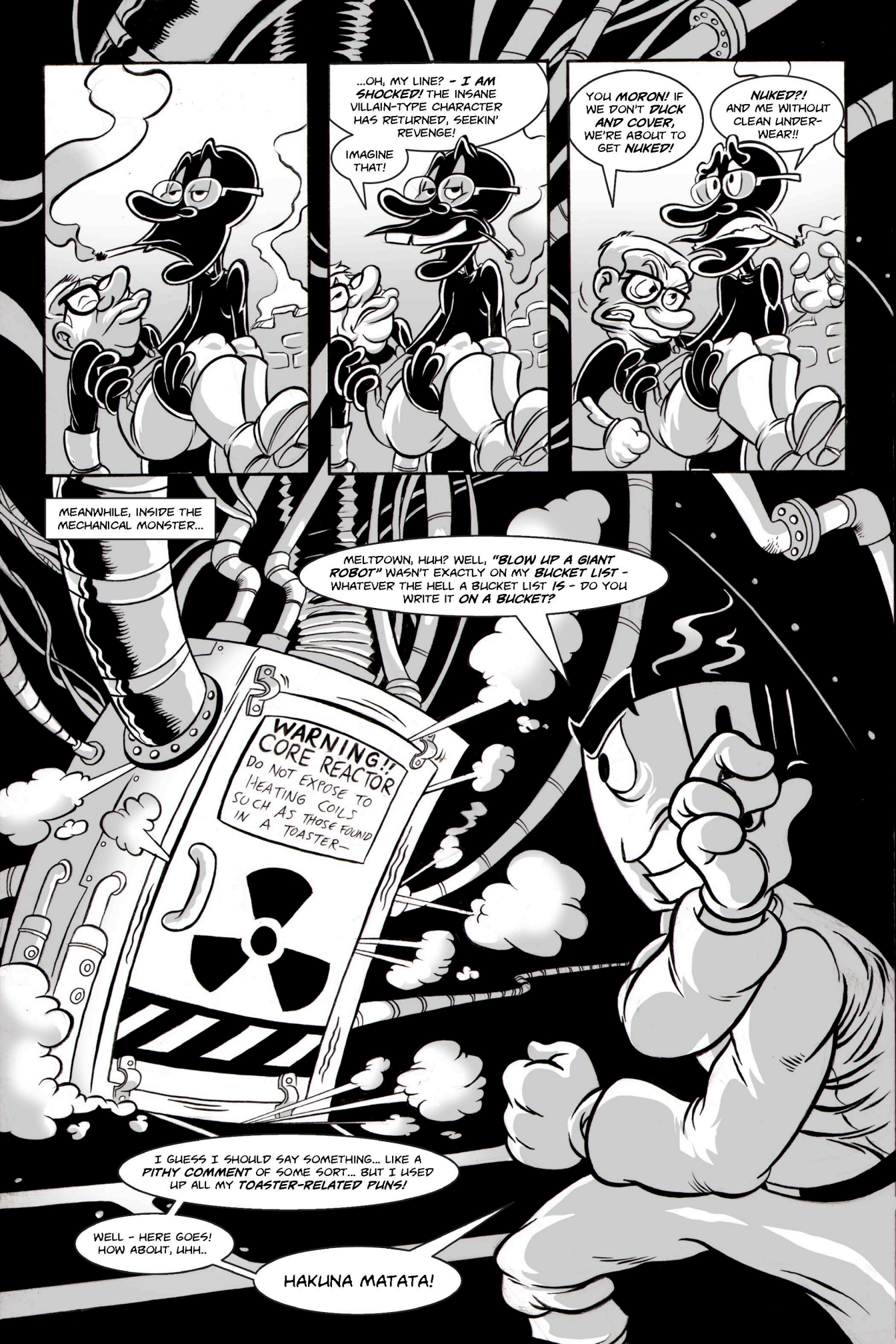
STOPWATCH! HOW DID YOU GET HERE? DIDN'T YOU BLOW UP ABOUT A HUNDRED MILLION YEARS AGO?
THANKS TO YOU IDIOTS DESTROYIN' THE CHRONO SHUTTLE, I WAS STRANDED!
I COBBLED TOGETHER A WORKABLE CRAFT AND OPENED TIME PORTALS FROM ONE TIME TO THE NEXT, UNTIL I FINALLY MADE IT HOME! IT TOOK ME MONTHS... AND ALONG THE WAY, I BUILT THIS BABY!


BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE, DUE TO THE DAMAGE DONE TO TH' DELICATE CIRCUITRY (AGAIN, THANKS T' YOU TWO MORONS), THE PORTALS WEREN'T CLOSIN'! EACH ONE FED INTO THE NEXT! IT WAS LIKE OPENIN' ALL THE WINDOWS IN YER HOUSE, AND LETTIN' IN DINOSAURS, VIKINGS, AND MONGOLS –
STOPWATCH, YOU NUTCASE – THIS ROBOT IS STILL TUMBLING AROUND LIKE A GIANT METAL DRUNKEN SAILOR! TURN IT OFF!

YOU BLEW UP THE CONTROL SYSTEM, WHICH CONTROLS TH' ROBOT AND THE TIME PORTAL! YOU'RE FINISHED! YOU AND THIS WHOLE STUPID CITY! NOTHIN' CAN STOP THIS ROBOT SHORT OF A CORE MELTDOWN!
WHAT?! YOU NERD!
HEHEHEHEH!

HEHEH – URK!
THWAK!

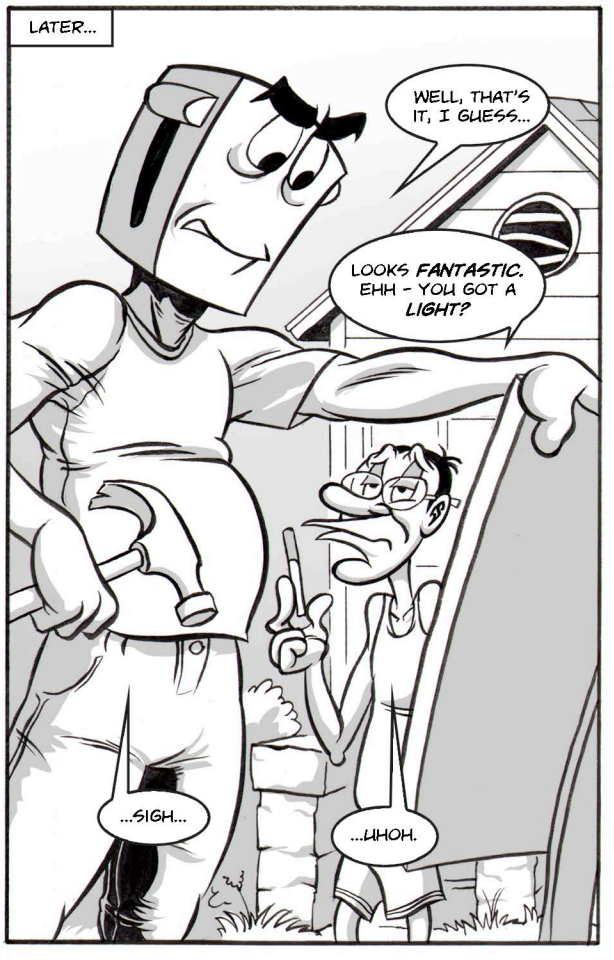
MARVELOUS! THIS CRACKPOT'S HAD IT! CATCH!


...OH, MY LINE? - I AM SHOCKED! THE INSANE VILLAIN-TYPE CHARACTER HAS RETURNED, SEEKIN' REVENGE!
IMAGINE THAT!
YOU MORON! IF WE DON'T DUCK AND COVER, WE'RE ABOUT TO GET NUKED!
NUKED?! AND ME WITHOUT CLEAN UNDER-WEAR!!
MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE MECHANICAL MONSTER...
MELTDOWN, HUH? WELL, "BLOW UP A GIANT ROBOT" WASN'T EXACTLY ON MY BUCKET LIST - WHATEVER THE HELL A BUCKET LIST IS - DO YOU WRITE IT ON A BUCKET?
WARNING!! CORE REACTOR DO NOT EXPOSE TO HEATING COILS SUCH AS THOSE FOUND IN A TOASTER-
I GUESS I SHOULD SAY SOMETHING... LIKE A PITHY COMMENT OF SOME SORT... BUT I USED UP ALL MY TOASTER-RELATED PUNS!
WELL - HERE GOES! HOW ABOUT, UHH..
HAKUNA MATATA!

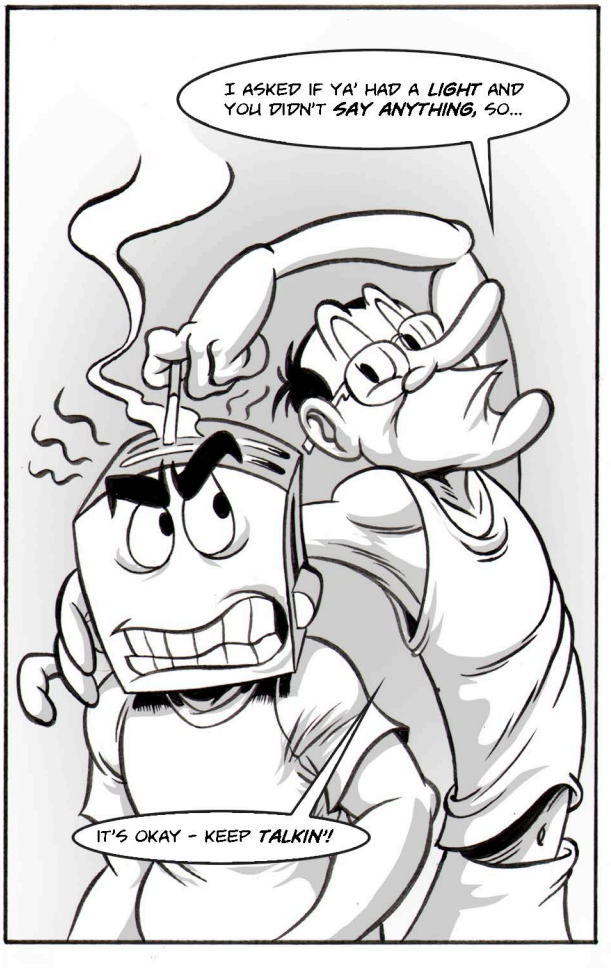
BA-BOOOOM!
STONE CITY
...WELL? AM I STILL ALIVE?

...AND SO...
NICE JOB, SPORT! NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A JOB WELL DONE! ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR THE MARVELOUS MASTER NINJA AND HIS COMEDY SIDEKICK, THE INEXPLICABLE TOASTER GUY!
"ALL IN A DAY'S" -- ARE YOU CRAZY?! LOOK AROUND! BETWEEN THE FRICKIN' ROBOT BLOWING UP, THE TIME PORTAL, AND THOSE BURN-CRAZY MONGOLS, WE DESTROYED ALMOST HALF THE CITY!
WHICH MEANS OVER HALF THE CITY IS FINE! THIS NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDED AN EXCUSE TO BE REDEVELOPED ANYWAY!
BUT - THE MESS!
KEEP YER HEATING SLOTS SHUT! THE PORTAL CLOSED AND ALL THE OUT-O-PLACE CHARACTERS VANISHED! BESIDES - THIS ALL GETS PINNED ON THAT SWATCH WATCH CHARACTER!
BUT I WAS ALMOST KILLED!
"ALMOST!" HE WHO DON'T GET BLOWN AWAY, LIVES TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!

THE VILLAINOUS STOPWATCH WAS JAILED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES, INCLUDING THE UNLAWFUL TEMPORAL TRANSPORT OF A VIKING AND ILLEGAL WARP ZONING OF A DINOSAUR... HE IS NOW AWAITING TRIAL.
THE COPS WERE LEFT TO CLEAN UP THE MESS, INCLUDING MEDIEVAL WEAPONRY AND TYRANNOSAURUS DROPPINGS...
POLICE
POLICE
CRIME SCENE
...AND OUR HEROES RECEIVED ACCOLADES FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE HIMSELF.
YOU DESTROYED STONE CITY! YOU HAVE NO REGARD FOR PUBLIC SAFETY! YOU AMBLE AROUND LEAVING A MILE WIDE SWATH OF DESTRUCTION IN YOUR PATH! AND THE KITTENS! FOR THE LUVVA' MIKE, THE NUMBER OF CRIMES AGAINST KITTENS BY NINJAS IN THIS CITY! AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF--
--YOU GAVE US A BILL!!
WE ACCEPT CASH... CREDIT CARDS... MONEY ORDERS... FISH SANDWICHES... OR BITCOIN!
JUST CUT THEM A CHECK SO THEY'LL GET THE HELL OUT OF MY OFFICE...


LATER...
WELL, THAT'S IT, I GUESS...
LOOKS FANTASTIC. EHH - YOU GOT A LIGHT?
...SIGH...
...UHOH.

I AM PLAGUED BY SELF-DOUBT AND REGRET! IS THIS THE RIGHT PATH? DOES MY DESTINY WEAR A PINK JUMPSUIT?
LOOK AT ME! IN MY MID-30S - AN ABJECT FAILURE! IS THIS ALL THAT'S LEFT?!
...WHAT'S THAT SMELL?


I ASKED IF YA' HAD A LIGHT AND YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, SO...
IT'S OKAY - KEEP TALKIN'!

...WHY DO I EVEN BOTHER?
TOASTER GUY
-and the-
MARVELOUS
MASTER NINJA
INDEPENDENT FIGHTERS OF CRIME, VILLAINY, ETC.
PLEASE RING BELL
THAT'S WHAY I'M TRYIN' TO FIGURE OUT! NOW, LET'S DISCUSS TOP BILLING ON THAT SIGN...
THE END